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Volume V.





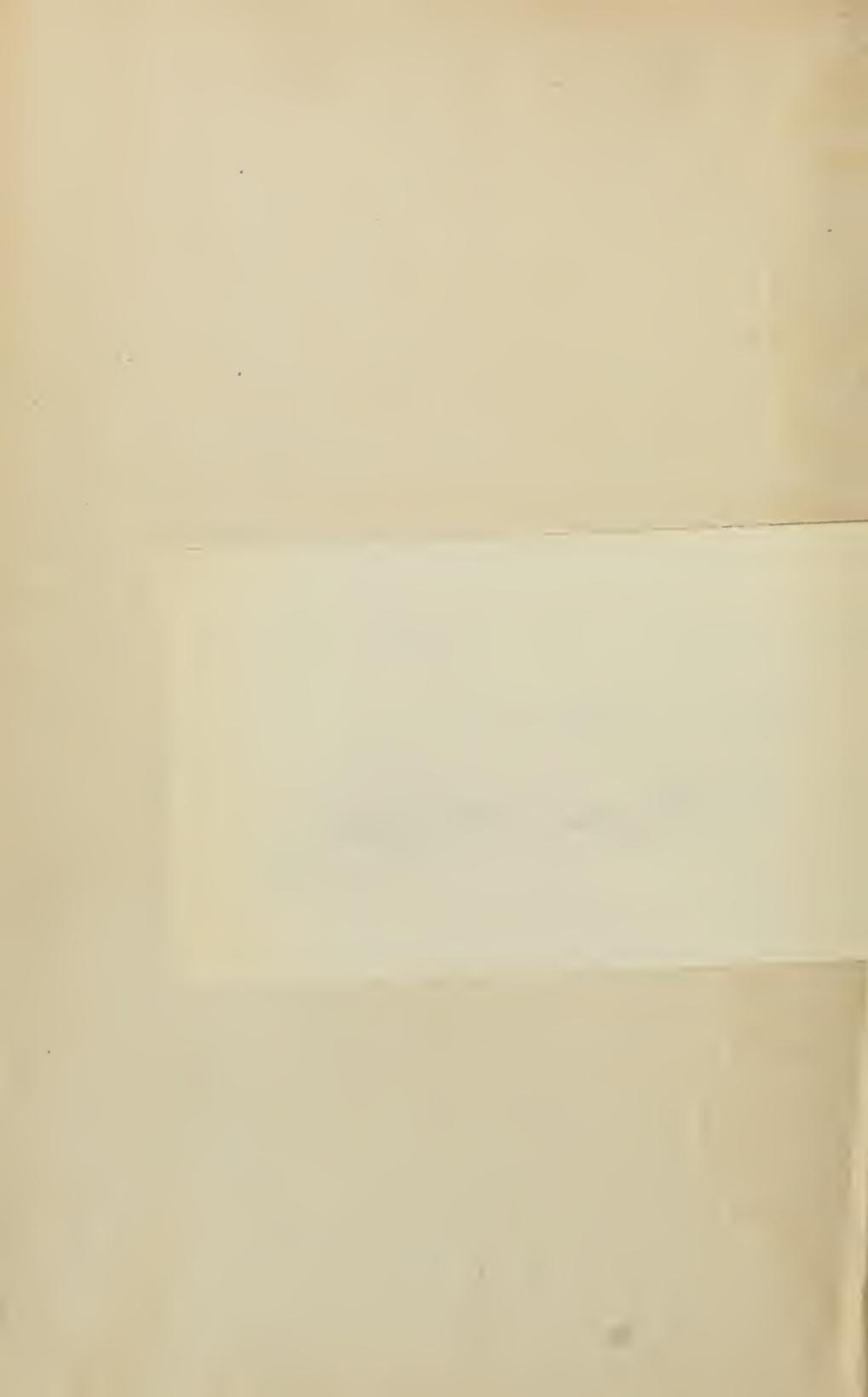
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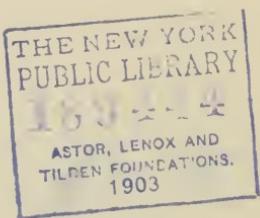
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COMPILED BY  
WALTER A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK

FITCHBURG  
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
1902



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CITY OF FITCHBURG.

March 4, 1902.

The joint standing committee on finance, to which was referred petition No. 173, asking for a continuance of the publication of the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, report that they recommend the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the sum of nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of copying and printing the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, the above to be done under the direction of the City Clerk; and sum to be charged to incidental account.

(Signed)

CHARLES A. BABBITT,  
CHARLES B. SMITH,  
JOHN LEIPER,  
F. C. NICHOLS,  
CHARLES W. BURNELL,

} Committee  
on  
Finance.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 4, 1902.

Report read, accepted, and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WALTER A. DAVIS, *Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 4, 1902.

Read, accepted, and order adopted. In concurrence.

FRED A. TOLMAN, *Clerk.*

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 5, 1902.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 5, 1902.

Approved.

CHARLES A. BABBITT, *Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*



## INTRODUCTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

November 24, 1902.

This volume contains an exact transcript of pages 271 to 559, inclusive, of Book III. of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg, Mass., which includes the town meetings and selectmen's records, beginning February 14, 1810, and continuing to October 31, 1829. With this volume we present a portrait of Rev. Rufus A. Putnam, pastor of the Calvinistic Congregational church from 1824 to 1831. The printer's copy has been prepared by Miss Bessie J. Davis. The work of printing has been done by the Sentinel Printing Company, and the index has been prepared under the supervision of Mr. Frank C. Hoyt.

The same general method has been used in this volume as in former volumes with reference to paging, the heavy figures enclosed in brackets representing the paging in the original book.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, ss.

FITCHBURG, November 24, 1902.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 271 and ending with page 559 in Book III., is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg as is contained on the pages and in the volume named; except that the title, paging and explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

*Walter A. Davis*  
City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

HARRISON BAILEY, *Notary Public.*



THE OLD RECORDS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF FITCHBURG  
FROM BOOK III.

[271] Worcester ss—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and  
(L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
(L S) town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to  
(L S) meet and afsemble at the towns Meeting house on  
(L S) Monday the fifth day of March next at nine  
o'clock A. M. and when met to act on the following arti-  
cles, (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Town clerk, Town treasurer, Select-  
men and all other Town officers as the Law directs and  
act any thing in regard to chosing collectors as the Town  
may think proper

3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum or sums of Money the town will-  
raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensu-  
ing

4 To see what sum or sums of Money the town will  
raise to support their schools the year ensuing and act  
any thing in regard to laying out said money the town  
may think proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will  
raise to pay the necessary charges of the town the year  
ensuing

6 To see if the town will choose a Saxton to take care of their burying ground or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

7 To see if the town will choose a committee to settle with their Town Treasurer

8 To see if the town will accept of any roads that have been laid out by the Selectmen or their order or discontinue any road that may becom neccsary

. 9 To see if the Town will afford any assistance towards making the new road from the meeting house to Samuel Phelpses exclusive of the high way Tax or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

10. To see if the town will give a bounty on crows the year ensuing or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

11 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper

12 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large under the regulation of the law the present year

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said and time above mentioned—Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of February AD 1810

John Thurston John Willard Elijah Macintire Joseph Downe J John Farwell	Selectmen
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Worcester fs Fitchburg March 5. 1810

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox one of the Constables of Fitchburg

[272] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Aſsembled on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1810

Voted and chose William Cunningham Moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox <sup>sworn</sup> . . . . . Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds <sup>sworn</sup> . . . . . Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston, <sup>sworn</sup> John Willard, <sup>sworn</sup> Joseph Downe Jr <sup>sworn</sup> and Elijah McIntire <sup>sworn</sup> & John Farwell <sup>sworn</sup> selectmen the present year

Voted that the three first selectmen <sup>sworn</sup> be assessors the present year

Voted that the selectmen be overseers of the poor

Voted & chose David Boutell, <sup>sworn</sup> Seth Phillips, <sup>sworn</sup> James Cowdin, <sup>sworn</sup> William Cunningham, <sup>sworn</sup> Abraham Willard, <sup>sworn</sup> Abiel Holt, <sup>sworn</sup> William Calten, <sup>sworn</sup> Jacob Jaquith, <sup>sworn</sup> Levi Farwell, <sup>sworn</sup> Sy. P. Flint, <sup>sworn</sup> Zacharius Shelden, Simon Marshall, Elias Mefesenger, Samuel Taylor, <sup>sworn</sup> Joel Page, <sup>sworn</sup> Thomas Carter, <sup>sworn</sup> William Downe <sup>sworn</sup> Dea. Eben<sup>t</sup> Thurston <sup>sworn</sup>

. . . . . Highway Surveyors

Voted that the highway surveyors pay per hour, cart plow oxen &c the same as last year

Voted & chose Daniel Holt, <sup>sworn</sup> Jonathan Lowe Jr, Israel Wetherbee, Martin Newton, <sup>sworn</sup> Ephraim Hartwell J, James Steward, Nathan Bennett, <sup>sworn</sup> William Hill, Samuel French J, Geo. Wood Jr <sup>sworn</sup> & Benj Tilden <sup>sworn</sup>

. . . . . Hogreves

Voted & chose John R. Kemp & Joseph Downe J

. . . . . Cullers of hoops & staves

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Joseph Simonds

. . . . . sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Thomas Hilton & Jacob Gibson

. . . . . Fire wards

Voted & chose Joshua Phillips & Elmathan Polley

. . . . . Field Drivers

Voted & chose Thomas Eaton Jr . . . Pound Keeper

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Benj<sup>a</sup> Fullar

. . . . . Tythingmen

Voted & chose John Willard & Verin Daniels

. . . . . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Joseph Farwell, Simon Marshall & Seth Phillips . . . . . Fence Viewers

Voted to let out the collectorship at I & S. Putnams at three o'clock P M.

Voted that the selectmen be a committee to let out the collectorship

Voted to adjourn for one hour & the town met according to adjournment . . . .

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars to support the roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

Voted to raise six hundred & forty Dollars for the support of schools the present year, 600\$ to be distributed the same as last year & 40\$ to be distributed by the school committee men

Voted to raise sixty Dollars in addition to the six hundred & forty Dollars for the support of schools

Voted that the school committeemen distribute the sixty Dollars among the districts as they think best . .

[273] Voted to reconsider the last vote . . . .

Voted that the forty Dollars and sixty Dollars additional raised for the support of schools be distributed among the districts according to the direction of the Selectmen

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall J, Marshall Hastings, Levi Farwell, Timothy F. Downe, David Pratt, Jabez. Sawyer, Amos Shelden, John Willard, Thomas Thurston, Warren Chase, Phinehas Wetherbee School Committeemen

Voted to choose a committee to inspect the schools the year insuing

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bascom, Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Barton, William Cunningham Doct<sup>r</sup> P. Snow, & Leonard Burbank for the above committee

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the Warrant untill the adjournment.

Voted & chose Levi Davis and William Calten Saxons the year ensuing

Voted to choose a committee to settle with the town Treasurer

Voted that the committee consist of three . . . .

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esq<sup>r</sup> David Boutell, & Dea. John Thurston

Voted to accept the road as laid out by the selectmen from the road between Samuel Phelps & Jacob Jaquiths to the meeting house

Voted to discontinue all the parts of the road which was laid out in March 1805 which is not included in the new road, which new road is as follows viz

The following is a discription of a road laid out by the Subscribers (viz)

\*New road laid out & accepted from Meeting house to Sam<sup>l</sup> Phelps

Beginning one rod west of a white oak tree on the road between Sam<sup>l</sup> Phelps and Jacob Jaquiths and runs south 21<sup>d</sup> west, sixty five rods, to stake and stones, thence south 18<sup>d</sup> west, ten rods to a stake & stones, thence south 14<sup>d</sup> west, eight rods to stake & stones, thence south 18½<sup>d</sup> west seventeen rods, to a stake & stones, thence west, 16<sup>d</sup> south four rods across<sup>t</sup> the river, thence south 48<sup>d</sup> west, twenty four rods, to pine stump, thence west 27<sup>d</sup> south ten rods to a stake & stones, thence west 26<sup>d</sup> south nineteen rods, to a stake & stones, thence south thirty Eight<sup>d</sup> west eighteen rods, to a stake & stones, thence south 15<sup>d</sup> west ninety rods to chesnutt tree, thence south 24½<sup>d</sup> west, fifty eight rods to a stake and stones, thence south 33½<sup>d</sup> west, thirty rods, to a stake & stones, thence south 17<sup>d</sup> west, twenty rods to a stake & stones, thence south 7½<sup>d</sup> west twenty-five & ½ rods, to a stake & stones, thence south 18<sup>d</sup> west eight rods, to stake & stones, thence west, 35<sup>d</sup> south eighteen rods to the town road near the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bartons

The above described road was laid out & accepted by the town in the year 1805—but there appearing to be a mistake in the minutes as they stood on record; it was thought best to lay it out again, all which is submitted to the town

John Thurston	}
John Willard	
Joseph Down J	
Elijah McIntire	
John Farwell	

Selectmen

Fitchburg February 14. 1810

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\*Annotation on the margin.

[274] Voted to choose a Committee to examine the road lately laid out by the Selectmen near Nathaniel Boughtells to the meeting house & report at a future meeting whether an alteration is necessary

Voted that the selectmen be the above committee.

Voted to pass over the 8<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant so far as relates to the road from, Thomas Cowdins to Westminster line

Voted to raise one hundred Dollars to be laid out by a committee on the above road laid out and accepted near Nat Boughtells

Voted that the committee consist of Three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J, Joseph Richardson & Amos Lawrence for the above committee

Voted to give twenty five cents as bounty on crows which are killd in the limits of the town

Voted to pass over the 12 article in warrant.

Voted to leave the care of the poor to the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the first monday in April next at one o'clock P. M.

William Cunningham Moderator  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

We the subscribers have thought best to let out the poor of the Town of Fitchburg at vendue & put up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder & the person who bids him off is to have pay as long as he keeps him, & bid off to Josiah Brown at thirty cents per week . \$0:30

Set up Samuel French & bid off to Israel Turner Esqr he to pay the town thirty Seven cents per week . \$0.37—

Set up Mary Wares & bid of to Benj<sup>a</sup> Fullar he is to have sixty cents per week the town is to pay all doctring & clothes . . . . . \$0.60

Set up Rebeckah Smith, the person who takes her is to have pay as long as he keeps her & bid off to Samuel Taylor at two cents per week

March 5 — 1810

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
John Farwell		Fitchburg
Joseph Downe J		

We the subscribers a committee chosen by the town to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred Dollars have attended to the business & let out the south side of the town to Elnathan Polley *a . . . . .* \$1:90

let out the north side of the town to Elnathan Polley *a . . . . .* 1:95

John Thurston John Willard Joseph Downe J John Farwell	}	Selectmen
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Fitchburg March 5. 1810

[275] On the second Day of April 1810 being the first Monday in said Month the town met according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of the Committee who were chosen to let out the collectorship

Voted & chose Elnathan Polley collector for the present year

Voted & chose Elnathan Polley & John Willard Constables the year ensuing

Voted to excuse J. Willard & chose Samuel Putnam in his room *. . . . .*

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to settle with the town Treasurer which is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 8. 1810

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the town to settle with the town Treasurer have attended to the business and make the following report (viz)

We find in the Treasurers hands a note signed by Ephraim Kimball dated 30 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800 on Interest *. . . . .* \$100:00

There is due on this note three years Interest on ye 30 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

We also find in the treasurers hands a note signed by John Goodride dated Dece<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1808 on Interest for *. . . . .* 7:01

We also find in the treasurers hands a writing Joseph Fox gave the treasurer for two notes Ezra Dana owed the town which writing is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 1: 1808 Reed of Joseph Simonds Treasurer for the town of Fitchburg two notes of hand in favor of Eben<sup>t</sup> Thurston town treasurer dated Novr 30. 1798—One note for the sum of \$19:00 payable in one year from date with Interest Dec<sup>r</sup> 13: 1800 there is indorsed on the above described note fifteen Dollars & fifty cents in part—The other note for the sum of nineteen Dollars payable in two years, from date with Interest—the subscriber takes the above described notes to do his endeavour to collect upon the following condition (viz)

The subscriber ingages that the town of Fitchburg shall be at no expence in consequence of his taking the above described notes—And the subscriber ingages to pay to the said Joseph Simonds or his successor in said office of Treasurer for the town of Fitchburg the one half of what he shall collect of said Dana for the two above mentioned notes, or return said notes when requested extraordinary causilties excepted, signed by Joseph Fox and witnesfed by Peter Snow & John Thurston. . . . .

We find due to the Pew holders in the old meeting house . . . . . \$67.83

We find due, in the hands of Abijah Goodridge collector for the year 1808 . . . . . 65.78

We also find in the hands of Abiel Holt collector for the year 1809 . . . . . 931:30

We find that the Treasurer has paid out over & above what he has rec'd . . . . . 2:54

We have settled with the treasurer and allowed him twelve Dollars for his services as Treasurer in full to this day and have likewise allowed him \$1:80 for the depretiation of twenty [276] two Dollars of Bank bills he received of the Collectors, viz, Northhampton bank and some Eastward bank which he says he allowed when he paid them away

Joseph Fox  
David Boutell } Committee  
John Thurston }

Joseph Simonds T. Treasurer . . .

\$600 Voted to raise six hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expences of the town the present year

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting an alteration near Nathaniel Bontells in a new road as follows (viz)

\*Road by School House No 1.

The following is a description of an alteration in the new road leading from Samuel Phelps to the Meeting house as laid out by the Subscribers—(viz) beginning at a stake and stones a little north of Mr Nathaniel Boughtells barn nearly on the line, between said Boughtell land and land belonging to the heirs of Mr Joseph Low and runs south 7<sup>d</sup> west thirty three rods and nine links, to a stake and stones on the line between said Boughtell land and land belonging to the heirs of Capt W<sup>m</sup> Brown, thence south 9<sup>d</sup> and thirty minutes west 17 rods to a stake & stones, thence south 25<sup>d</sup> west sixteen rods to a stake & stones on the Towns road a little north of the Meeting house, said road is laid out two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the westerly Side of said road, the two last mentioned points is partly on land of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Basecomb; and partly on land belonging to the heirs of Capt William Brown. We have estimated the damage to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Bascom. in consequence of said road at twenty five Dollars, [25\$] and the damages to the heirs of Capt William Brown at twenty three Dollars, [23\$] All of which is submitted to the town . . . .

Fitchburg March 29. 1810

John Thurston  
Joseph Downe J } Selectmen  
John Farwell }

Voted not to accept the alteration in the road near Thos Cowdins to Westminster

Voted that the Town Treasurer pay the bounty on crows

Voted to Defsolve this meeting

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham J Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Oliver Fox town Clerk

[277] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . . . Greeting

\*Annotation on the margin.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold estate within the commonwealth of the annual income of ten Dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at the Towns meeting house on Monday the second day of April next at three o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor, and Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of March 1810

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Downe J		
Elijah McIntire		

Worcester is Fitchburg April 2<sup>d</sup> 1810.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg being twenty one years of age and upwards, qualified by the constitution to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox one of the Constables  
of the Town of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor, holden on the second day of April, being the first monday in said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & ten, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut Governor of said Commonwealth—Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and record and declaration, thereof made as by the Constitution is directed (viz)

For Governor	{ His Excel. Christopher Gore Esqr . . . . .	103
	{ Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esqr . . . . .	130
	{ Hon W <sup>m</sup> Gray . . . . .	1
[278]	{ Hon. David Cobb Esqr . . . . .	104
	{ Hon W <sup>m</sup> Gray . . . . .	126
For Leut <sup>t</sup> Governor	{ Jacob Willard . . . . .	1
	{ Joseph B. Varnum . . . . .	1
	{ Hon Elbridge Gerry . . . . .	1
Attest—	John Thurston	
	John Willard	
	Joseph Downe J	Selectmen
	John Farwell	of
	Elijah McIntire	Fitchburg
Attest	Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the Second day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord 1810 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators & Counsellors of the Destrikt of the County of Worcester Votes for for the following persons were given in Sorted Counted and record & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, to Wit

For	{ Hon Elijah Brigham . . . . .	103
	{ Hon Jonas Kendall . . . . .	103
	{ Seth Hastings Esqr . . . . .	101
	{ Francis Blake Esqr . . . . .	101
	Salem Town . . . . .	2
	Thomas Hale . . . . .	2
For	{ Pliny Merrick . . . . .	126
	{ Moses White . . . . .	126
	{ Edward Bangs . . . . .	126
	{ Sam <sup>l</sup> Jones Esqr . . . . .	126
Attest	John Thurston	
	John Willard	
	Joseph Downe J	Selectmen
	Elijah McIntire	of
	John Farwell	Fitchburg
Attest	Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said county . . . . . Greeting

(L S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & (L S.) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said (L S.) town Qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the towns Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at one o'clock P. M. and when met to act on the following articles. (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will raise any sum of money for the purpose of repairing or rebuilding the bridge near where Mr Phinehas Allen now lives or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your [279] doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned — Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this 23<sup>d</sup> day of April 1810 . . . . .

John Thurston } Selectmen  
John Farwell } of  
Elijah McIntire } Fitchburg

Worcester ss by virtue of this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to appear at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg may 7. 1810. Elnathan Polley Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1810

Voted & chose W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham . . . . Moderator  
\*\$300 to build the bridge

Voted to choose a Committee to rebuild or repair the bridge near where Phinehas Allen now lives as they may think proper.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

\*Annotation on the margin.

Voted & chose John Thurston, John Willard, Verin Daniels, Jacob Stickney, Jonas Marshall Jun<sup>r</sup>

Voted to raise three hundred Dollars for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this Meeting

W. Cunningham Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
 (L S) name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to  
 (L S) summons & notify the freeholders & other inhabi-  
 (L S) tants of said town qualified by law to vote in  
 (L S) town meetings, to assemble at the towns Meeting  
 (L S) house on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 2  
 o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To see if the town will raise a sum of money to purchase an engine for the benefit of said town or act any thing thereon the town may think proper agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said town

3 To see if the town will make up the loss of the soldiers Caps which were burnt in James Stewards Shop

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg 20<sup>th</sup> April 1810

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day & time above mentioned

John Thurston John Willard Elijah McIntire Joseph Downe J John Farwell	Selectmen
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[280] Worcester ss — Fitchburg May 7. 1810

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants to appear at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Elnathan Polley Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1810

Voted & chose John Thurston Moderator

Voted to raise forty four Dollars for the purpose of releaving the Soldiers who sustained the loss by fire in James Stewards shop

Voted to Choose a Committee to furnish the Caps for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J, Joseph Farwell & Oliver Fox

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

John Thurston Moderator

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachussets to notify and  
 (L S) warn the male inhabitants of said town being  
 (L S) twenty one years of age and resident in said town  
 (L S) for the space of one year next preceeding having a  
 (L S) freehold estate within said town of the annual  
 income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of  
 sixty pounds, to meet at the towns meetinghouse on  
 Monday seventh day of may next at three 'clock in the  
 afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Rep-  
 resentatives to represent them at the General Court  
 appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last  
 Wednesday of may next.

Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg the tenth day of April 1810

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Down J		
Elijah M'sintire		
John Farwell		

[281] Worcester fs Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place within mentioned      Samuel Putnam Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 7. May 1810

The meeting opened by the selectmen

Motioned & seconded not to send a Representative the present year being put passed in the negative

Voted to send by one representative the present year

Voted & chose Titus T. Barton to represent them in the General court the year ensuing

John Thurston	Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah McIntire	
Joseph Downe Jr	
John Farwell	

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Rev'd T. T. Barton Declined serving May 14. 1810

Worcester fs. To Samuel Putnam one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L. S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify &  
(L. S) warn the male inhabitants living in the south side  
(L. S) of said town, by verbal notice, being twenty one  
(L. S) years of age & resident in said Town for the space  
of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within  
in s'd town of the annual income of three pounds, or any  
estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns  
meeting house on Friday the eighteenth day of this instant  
may at three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of May 1810 . . . .

John Thurston John Willard Elijah McIntire John Farwell	Selectmen ,
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Worcester fs Fitchburg May 17. 1810. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants living on the south side of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentiond

Saml Putnam Const.

[282] Worcester fs To Elnathan Polley one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L S) warn the male inhabitants of said town living on (L S) the north side, by verbal notice being twenty one (L S) years of age & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of ten Dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars to meet at the towns Meeting house on Friday the Eighteenth day of May instant at Three o'clock P M. for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mention'd

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of May AD. 1810 . . . .

John Thurston John Willard Elijah Mc intier John Farwell	Selectmen ,
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Worcester fs May 18 1810

By virtue of this warrant I have verbally notified all

the inhabitants living on the north side of the great road qualified by law to vote for representatives to appear at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Eln. Polley Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Friday May 18. 1810

Motioned & seconed to send two representatives the present year & pafsd in negative.

Motioned & seconed to accept the report of Mr. Barton not to serve as a representative & pafsd in the affirmative

Motioned & seconed to send one representative & pafsd in the affirmative

Motioned & seconed to add one more & pafsd in the negative

Votes be in call<sup>d</sup> & declared no vote

Motioned & seconed to reconsider the vote for sending a representative & pafsd in negative

Votes being call<sup>d</sup> as before for Sam<sup>t</sup> Gibson 93. John Thurston 72 seating 34 & Declared no vote

Motioned to reconsider the vote for sending pafsd in affirmative

Motioned & seconed to Defsolve the meting & pafsd in negative

Motioned & seconed to send two representatives & pafsd in the affirmative

[283] Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee & Abraham Willard to represent them in the general Court the present year

Motioned & seconed to Dissolve this meeting & it is accordingly Defsolved

John Thurston  
John Willard  
John Farwell  
Elijah McIntire } Selectmen  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Elnathan Polley one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting \*

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
 (L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts, to summon and  
 (L S) notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
 town qualified by law to vote in town meetings  
 (Viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the poll or  
 polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax to  
 assemble at the towns Meeting house on tuesday the  
 twenty first day of August Instant, at three o'clock P.  
 M. to act on the following articles, (Viz)

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2 To see what order the town will take on a citation from the court of common pleas on a petition from the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Baseom & L<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Brown respecting a road laid out through their land, by order of the town or act any thing thereon . . . .
- 3 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the selectmen or their order
- 4 To see if the town will excuse Elnathan Polley from serving as a collector of taxes the present year and accept of John Willard in his stead or act any thing thereon
- 5 To see if the town will raise a sum of to be laid out on levining the common or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with our doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands & seals this sixth day of August AD 1810

John Willard	}	Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jur <sup>r</sup>		
Elijah McIntire		

John Farwell	}	of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs Aug<sup>t</sup> 21 1810.

By virtue of this warrant I have summoned & notified the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town meeting, to meet at the time and place & for the purpos within mentioned

Eln. Polley. Constable

[284] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on tuesday August 21. 1810

Voted & chose William Cunningham Esqr Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Baseom & Lt W<sup>m</sup> Brown respecting the damages done their land in a new road laid out and accepted by the town in April last, to view the premises and report immediately the result of their conference & their opinion

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted and chose Joseph Richardson, and Paul Wetherbee, Capt<sup>t</sup> Aaron Wheeler, Jacob Gibson, and Jonas Marshall J for the above committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour

The town met according to adjournment

That Leut W<sup>m</sup> Brown proposes to have the town build him 33 rods of Wall, or give him that number of Dollars. He will take towards the 33 Doll<sup>s</sup> the road lately laid out near Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bartons, at the price given by the town which was Eighteen Dollars and take the ballance in Money—15\$ and likewise have the expences he has been at in petitioning for a jury reimbursed. this proposal the Committee proposes to have accepted

Voted to accept the report of the committee so far as relates to Lt Brown and the town discontinue the road leading towards Mr Bartons House from the road lately laid out from the Meeting House to Sam<sup>l</sup> Phelps and agree to pay Lt Brown [15\$] fifteen Dollars and the reimbursement of his expences in petitioning the court of C. Pleas. for a jury

Voted that the amount of damages for land taken up for a road of the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bascom be refered to the determination of three impartial persons, mutually chosen by the town and him The town to discharge the expences which have already arisen on his petitioning the Court of Common Pleas for a jury; but the Referees are to determine by whom the Expences which may further accrue shall be discharged

Voted to choose a Committee of three to conduct the subject in dispute with Mr Bascom to a termination according to the foregoing vote

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee, Dea Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibson & Joseph Richardson for the above purpose

## Road

\*Voted to accept of a two rod road laid out by the Selectmen Aug<sup>t</sup> 18. 1810 as follows. Beginning at a spruce tree at the east end of Deacon K. Boutells wood house and runs north 36<sup>d</sup> east twenty rods to a stake and stones, thence north 1<sup>d</sup> west fourteen rods to a stake & stones, thence north 2<sup>d</sup> east nine rods to a stake & stones, thence north 14<sup>d</sup> East. thirty three rods to a stake & stones, thence north 4<sup>d</sup> west eighteen rods to a stake & stones, thence north 9<sup>d</sup> west eighty four rods to a stake & stones, thence north 25<sup>d</sup> east, twenty rods to a stake & stones, thence north 35<sup>d</sup> east. fourteen rods to a [285] stake and stones, thence north 44<sup>d</sup> east thirty six rods to a stake & stones thence north 13½<sup>d</sup> East forty four rods to a stake and stones thence north 12<sup>d</sup> east seventy rods to a stake & stones thence north 40<sup>d</sup> east ten rods to a stake & stones, thence north 32<sup>d</sup> east twelve rods to a stake & stones, thence north 7<sup>d</sup> west fourteen rods to a stake and stones, thence north 33<sup>d</sup> east twenty rods to a stake & stones, thence north 20<sup>d</sup> west nine rods to stake and stones, thence north 42<sup>d</sup> east four rods to a stake & stones thence east 34<sup>d</sup> north ten rods to a stake & stones thence north 30<sup>d</sup> east thirty four rods to stake and stones thence North 8<sup>d</sup> east ten rods to a stake & stones, thence north twelve rods, which brings it to the road that leads by Joseph Downe J the bounds are all on the westerly side of said road it is ixpected the land will all be given to the town. All of which is submitted to the town

John Thurston  
Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
John Farwell

Accepted by the town Aug<sup>t</sup> 21 1810 and Joseph Downe J agreed in town meeting to give his land

. road

The following is a description of an alteration in the road a little north of the towns Meeting house (Viz, beginning at a Stake and pillar of stones the east side of the road against land belonging to Leut<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Brown and

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\*Now known as Rollstone Road. [Annotation on the margin.]

runs north two degrees west a croft a corner of said Browns land nine rods to stake and stones, said alteration has been laid out by the subscribers and is submitted to the town. it is expected the land will be given upon condition that the town, or individuals build a stone wall agait said alteration.

John Thurston  
Joseph Down J } Selectmen  
John Farwell }

Fitchburg August 18. 1810.

Voted to accept the above alteration & L<sup>t</sup> Brown has agreed to give the land in open town Meeting & the town build the wall

road

The following is a desription of an alteration in the road near Mr David Pratt (viz) beginning at a stake & stones near the stone wall a little east of said Pratts house the south side of the road, and runs east ten degrees and 30 minutes south sixty three rods to a stake and stones, the south side of the road it is expected the land will be given, the above alteration has been laid out by the Selectmen and is submitted to the town

John Thurston  
Joseph Downe J } Selectmen  
John Farwell }

Fitchburg Aug<sup>t</sup> 18. 1810

Voted to accept the above road & Mr Pratt has given the land in town meeting

Voted to pafs over the fourth article in the warrant for the present.

[286] Voted pafs over the fifth article in the warrant.

Voted to take up the fourth article in warrant.

Voted that the town accept of the resignation of El-nathan Polley as collector.

Voted to accept of John Willard as collector in room of Eln. Polly and take the same bondsmen that Polley had

Voted that Eln. Polley bondsman be discharged

Voted to disolve this meeting

W. Cunningham Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Putnam one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in said town on the Eighth day of October next at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, Viz

- 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2 To see if the Town will discontinue the proposed road from the other road near the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Bartons house to the new established road that leads by Nathaniel Boughtells to the Meeting house or act any thing thereon
- 3 To see if the town will choose a Constable or Constables to fill the vacancies in that office or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us, on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1810

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Farwell		
Joseph Downe J		

Fitchburg October 8 1810

Persuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Putnam Constable

[287] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday October 8, 1810

Voted and chose Joseph Richardson Moderator

Voted to discontinue the proposed road from the other road near the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Bartons house to the new established road that leads by Natl Boughtells to the Meeting house.

Voted to choose one Constable to fill the vacancies

Voted & chose Oliver Fox

Voted to choose another constable

Voted & choose Lt W<sup>m</sup> Brown

Voted to dissolve this meeting & it was accordingly

Dissolved

Joseph Richardson Moderator

Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Putnam one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the

(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and

(L S) warn the inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg

duly qualified to vote for representatives in the

General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) The male

inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of age

and resident in said town for the space of one year next

preceding having a freehold estate within said Town of

the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the

value of sixty pounds, To assemble at the meeting house

in said town on Monday the Eighth day of october next

at three o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a repre-

sentative of the people of said Commonwealth in the

Congress of the United States for the North Worcester

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with  
your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said  
day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>t</sup> 1810

John Thurston      }  
John Farwell      } Selectmen  
Joseph Downe J    }

Fitchburg October 8. 1810

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and  
warned the male inhabitants of said Town qualified as  
therein express<sup>d</sup> to meet at the time and place & for the  
purpose within mentioned

Samuel Putnam Constable

[288] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts assembled on Monday October 8. AD 1810 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of the Hon William Stedman Esqr in the North Worcester District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to represent us in the Congress of the United States. The town being assembled the votes call for, brought in sorted Counted and declaration made of the persons voted for & was as follows (viz)

For Timothy Whiting Esq!	Forty Eight
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Abijah Bigelow Esq!	Leominster	Fifty Seven
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Attest—

John Thurston		Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Down J		
Elijah McIntier		

John Farwell
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Oliver Fox Town Clerk
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Attest

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L S) warn the inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg (L S) duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the (L S) General Court of said Commonwealth (viz) the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to assemble at the Towns Meeting-house in said town on Monday the fifth day of November next at three o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester north District.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our

hands and Seals at Fitchburg this 22<sup>d</sup> day of October  
AD 1810

John Thurston  
Joseph Downe Jr }  
Elijah M<sup>c</sup> intier } Selectmen  
John Farwell }

[289] Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expres'd to meet at the time and place, and for the purpors within mentioned

William Brown Constable

Nov. 3. 1810.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusettts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden the fifth day of November being the first monday in said month AD 1810. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congrefs of the United States, for the Worcester North District. Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, Counted and record, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed—To wit

For { Abijah Bigelow Esqr of Leominster . . . Fifty Six  
(Timothy Whiting Esqr . . . . . Fifty one

Attest

John Thurston  
Joseph Downe J } Selectmen  
Elijah M<sup>c</sup> intier } of  
John Farwell } Fitchburg

Attest

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Division of School money for the year 1810 made by the Subscribers,

District No 1.	Jonas Marshall Ju <sup>r</sup>	. . . . .	\$178
	Marshall Hastings	. . . . .	45
	Levi Farwell	. . . . .	61
	Timo. F. Downes	. . . . .	53:50
	David Pratt	. . . . .	43
	Jabez Sawyer	. . . . .	44
	Amos Shelden	. . . . .	49

John Willard . . . . .	52:50
Thos Thurston . . . . .	55
Warren Chase . . . . .	77
Phinehas Wetherbee . . . . .	42
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	\$700:00
John Thurston } John Willard } John Farwell } Joseph Downe }	Selectmen
True Copy	Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[290] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . . Greeting  
 You are hereby required in the name of the  
 (L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and  
 (L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
 (L S) town Qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to  
 meet and afsemble at the towns Meeting-house on Mon-  
 day the twenty Eighth day of this Instant January at  
 two o'clock P. M. and when met to act on the following  
 articles (viz)

- 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To take into consideration the expediency of Peti-  
tioning the General Court at their next sesion of a division  
of the County of Worcester agreeable to a request of  
one of the Committee appointed by the Convention and  
act any thing thereon the town may think proper
- 3 To see if the town will give the old bridge timber  
to Mr Jonathan Cummings

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said  
day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this  
fourteenth day of Jany AD 1811

John Thurston  
Joseph Downe J } Selectmen  
John Farwell }

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Jan<sup>y</sup> 28. 1811

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and

warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday Jan<sup>y</sup> 28. 1811.

Voted & chose William Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee to draught a petition to the General Court, now in session, and report at the adjournment

Voted that the Committee consist of seven

Voted and chose Jacob Willard Esq<sup>r</sup> Israel Turner Esq<sup>r</sup> Doct Peter Snow, Joseph Fox Esq<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup> Oliver Fox & Capt Edward Durant for the above committee

Voted To give M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Cummings the old bridge, timber

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour & then meet at Isaiah Putnams Hall — The Town met according to adjournment and the meeting opened—and the Committee reported

[291] Voted to accept the report of the committee.

Voted that the petition be presented to the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court by the Moderator & Town Clerk

Voted to dissolve this Meeting & it was accordingly dissolved

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Moderator

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
(L S) warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said  
(L S) town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to  
(L S) meet and assemble at the towns Meeting-house in  
(L S) said town on Monday the fourth day of March  
next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To choose a Town Clerk Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the law directs and act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors, the town may think proper.

3 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise for schooling the year ensuing and act any thing in regard to laying out said money the town may think proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray the necessary charges of the town the year ensuing

6 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their town treasurer.

7 To see if the town will raise any sum of money towards providing an engine for the benefit of the inhabitants of the town or act any thing thereon

8 To see if the town will give a bounty on crows or act any thing thereon

9 To see if the town will make any alterations in any of the school districts or act any thing thereon.

10 To see if the town will let the swine run at large under the regulation of the law the year ensuing.

11 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing & act any thing thereon

12 To see if the town will choose sextons to take care of their burying ground

[292] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of February AD 1811.

John Thurston John Willard Joseph Downe Jr John Farwell Elijah McIntier	Selectmen
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Worcester vs Fitchburg March 4. 1811

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within Mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday March 4. 1811.

Voted & chose William Cunningham Moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds, Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five Selectmen.

Voted that the selectmen shall receive pay for all their services for the town except the liquidation of town accounts & lay their accounts before the town for their acceptance

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston, John Willard, Joseph Downe Jur, Abraham Willard & Joseph Farwell Selectmen.

Voted that the three first Selectmen be assessors the year ensuing

Voted that Isaiah Putnam, Jabez Sawyer, Phinehas Allen Marshall Hastings, Joseph Boynton, Ephm Gibson, Samuel Gibson Jur Jeremiah Kinsman Ju, Jon<sup>a</sup> Lowe, Jacob Upton, Wm. Kilburn, John Kinsman, Jon<sup>a</sup> Whitcomb, Abel Farwell, Sylvanus Lapum, Kendall Boutell Ju, Samuel Parker, W<sup>m</sup> Bolton, highway surveyors. Allowance for man, cart, oxen &c the same as last year.

Voted & chose John Andrews, Jacob Willard, Ephm Hartwell Jr Levi Farwell, Ruben Eaton, Luke Wetherbee, Nathan Andrews, [293] David Lowe, Zacheus Farwell J, Simon Marshall, Oliver W. Warren, Abraham Bullard, Daniel Hilton & Jonathan Wheeler hogreeves.

Voted & chose John R. Kemp & Joseph Downe Jr . . . . . Cullers of hoops & staves

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Jo<sup>s</sup> Simonds . . . . . Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Capt Joseph Farwell, Jonas Marshall J & Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Durant . . . . . Fire Wards.

- Voted & chose James Steward & Jacob Gibson . . . . . Field Drivers
- Voted & chose Thomas Eaton Jr . . . Pound Keeper
- Voted & chose Thomas Eaton J & Joshua Stickney, . . . . . Tythingmen
- Voted & chose John Willard & Dan<sup>t</sup> Harris, . . . . Surveyors of Lumber
- Voted & chose Marshall Hastings, Isaiah Putnam and Ephraim Kimball J <sup>sworn</sup> . . . . . Fence viewers
- Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esq<sup>r</sup> Amos Pierce, Kendall Boutell J, Eleazer Sartell, Joseph Downe Ju, Joshua Phillips, Ruben Smith, Samuel Gibson Jr Micah Shattuck, John Thurston, Jacob Gibson school committeemen
- Voted that the school committee be inlarged
- Voted that five be added to the committee
- Voted & chose Doct Peter Snow, W<sup>m</sup> Bascom, W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup> Jacob Willard Esq<sup>r</sup> & Maj<sup>t</sup> Leonard Burbank for the above committee.
- Voted & chose Levi Davis & W<sup>m</sup> Caltern . Saxtons.
- 900 Voted to raise Nine hundred Dollars to repair the highways and Bridges the year ensuing
- 640 Voted to raise Six hundred & forty Dollars for the support of schools, the year ensuing, the forty Dollars to be distributed by the Selectmen as they think most proper.
- Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant till the adjournment.
- Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esq<sup>r</sup> David, Boutell, & Edward Durant a committee to settle with the town treasurer
- Voted to pafs over the 7<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant
- Voted to pafs over the 8<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant
- Voted that Timo F. Downe be taken off of the fourth school distriet & annexed to the fiftieth.
- Voted to pafs over the tenth article in the warrant
- Voted to choose a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of any alteration in the Middle school Distriet & report at the adjournment
- [294] Voted that the committee consist of Seven
- Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Durant, Jonas Marshall Jr, John R. Kemp, Doct Peter Snow, Jacob Willard Esqr

David Boutell & Ephraim Kimball, for the above committee

Voted that the care of the poor be left to the selectmen

Voted that the selectmen be a committee to let out the collectorship at Isaiah Putnams at 3 o'clock P. M.

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first monday in April next 2 o'clock P M. & it was accordingly adjourned

1811. April 1<sup>st</sup>—It being the first Monday in said month the town met according to adjournment and the meeting opened

Voted to resume the seventh article in the warrant

Motioned and seconded to raise 100\$ towards the purchase of an engine for the town

Vote being put it pasd in the Negative

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting the division of the Middle school distrect, as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 6. 1811. The committee chosen by the Town to take into consideration the expediency of any alteration in the center school distrect beg leave to report,

That in their opinion, it is expedient, that the said distrect be divided, and a new distrect be formed, consisting of that part thereof, which lies East, South & South west of a line croſſing the Great road S. East of the small building now occupied by Mr Daniel Goodfrey as a dwelling house;— And that in case of a Division, as aforesaid, both of said distrects will be destitute of accomodation for keeping a school. Which is respectfully submitted by your Committee

Edward Durant Per order

[295] Voted to accept the report of the Committee to settle with the town Treasurer as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 8, 1811

The subscribers a committee chosen by the town on the fourth of March Inst to settle with the town treasurer have attended to the business and make the following report viz, We find in the treasurers hands a note against Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Dated 30. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800 on Interest for \$100

There is due on this note four years Inst <sup>t</sup> on the 30. Jan <sup>y</sup> 1811 . . . . .	7.01
We also find in the Treasurers hands a note signed by John Goodridge dated Dec <sup>r</sup> 7. 1808 on Inst for . . . . .	
We find due to the Pewholders in the old Meet- ing house . . . . .	67.83
We find in Abiel Holts hands collector for the year 1809 . . . . .	64.07
We find in the hands of John Willard collector for the year 1810 . . . . .	1072.99
We also find in the treasurers hands which he has not accounted for . . . . .	6.25
We have settled with the Treasurer and allowed him Fifteen Dollars for his Services as Treasurer in full to this day . . . . .	
Joseph Fox      } David Boutell      } Committee Edw <sup>d</sup> Durant      } Joseph Simonds Treasurer	

600 Voted to raise six hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expence of the town the present year

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to let out the collectorship

1811 March 4<sup>th</sup> The committee chosen by the town to let out the Collectorship at I. Putnam @ 4 o'clock this afternoon have attended to the businefs as follows (viz)

2.02 Let out the south side of the town to Abiel Holt he is to give bonds to the acceptance of the town @ \$2.02 upon the 100\$

1.99 Let out the north side of the town to Joseph Carter @ 1.99. upon the 100\$ & he is to bring bondsmen John Thurston per order

[296] Voted & chose Abiel Holt—Collector

Voted & chose Joseph Carter Collector

Voted & chose Abiel Holt & Jos. Carter Constables

Voted to accept of David Pratt & Timo Garfield as bondsmen for Abiel Holt

Voted to accept of Sylvanus Lapum & Levi Farwell as Bondsmen for Joseph Carter

The selectmen a committee chose to take care of the poor the present year—have let them out as follows

Set up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder by the week the person who bids him off is to keep him one year & bid off to Benja Fullar—at 60 cents per week the town is to clothe him & pay his Doe<sup>tr</sup> bill

Sam<sup>l</sup> French, the town is to clothe him & pay his Doe<sup>tr</sup> bill if any struck off to Levi Farwell he is to give the town 35 cents per week & keep him one year

Mary Wares, on the same condition as Smith bid off to Joel Eaton he is to have 60<sup>ct</sup> per week

Jonas Spalding, on the same condition only the person who takes him is to give him the privalige of going to school in the winter bid of to Seth Phillips he is to have 22<sup>ct</sup> per week

Edward Goodfellow on the same condition as Spalding bid off to Joseph Carter he is to have 8 cts per week

Rebecah Smith set up, the person who bids her off is pay as long as he keeps her, bid off Jos Carter he is to pay the town two mills per week

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
Joseph Down Jr		

1811 March 14 The selectmen appointed Thomas Eaton Jr Sealer of Weights & Measures

Voted that it is necefsary to appoint measurers of Wood

Voted to Defslove this meeting & it was accordingly defsolved

William Cunningham J Mod.

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[297] Worcester fs To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) Yon are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and (L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said (L S) town Qualfied by law to vote in town affairs to (L S) meet and afsemble at the Town Meeting-house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at two o'clock, P. M. to act on the following articles viz)

- 1<sup>d</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for  
said County
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will build a school house in  
school distrect No 1. And if said distrect shall be divided,  
two, or act any thing thereon, agreeable to a request of  
a number of the inhabitants of said town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March 1811 John Thurston  
John Willard  
Joseph Downe Jr  
Joseph Farwell } Selectmen

Worcester fs Fitchburg April 1, 1811

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday April 1, 1811

Voted & chose William Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

[298] Worcester ss To either of the Constables of  
the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn by verbal notice the inhabitants of the said town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for representative to meet at the towns Meeting house this day at three o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for Treasurer for the County of Worcester

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this first  
day of April 1811 John Thurston ]

John Thurston      John Willard      Joseph Downe J      Joseph Farwell } Selectmen

Worcester ss. April 1. 1811

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and

warned the freeholders such as were present at the Meeting house to appear at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned                            Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembed on Monday April 1, 1811

William Cunningham Jr Esqr being Moderator of the other meeting was chosen for this & have the votes for Treasurer & Register recorded together

Votes for County Treasurer were call'd for sorted, counted & Declaration thereof made as follows viz

For Samuel Allen Esqr . . . . .	88
Elbridge Gerry . . . . .	1
Votes for County register as follows (viz)	
For Daniel Clap Esqr . . . . .	72
Enoch Flagg . . . . .	66

Voted to choose a committee to take up the sujet matter at large on the 3<sup>d</sup> Article in the warrant & report at the adjournment

[299] Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J Doct Peter Snow Israel Turner Esqr Benjamin Herrick & John Thurston

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first monday in May next at one o'clock P. M.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fiteburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Fitchburg of Twenty one years of age & upwards having a free hold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns Meeting house on Monday the first day of April next at three o'clock P M. to give in their votes for a Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March 1811

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with

your doings thereon, to some one of us on or before said day

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Downe Jr		
Joseph Farwell		

Worcester fs April 1, 1811 Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned . . . Oliver Fox Constable

March 14, 1811 Thos Eaton Jr was appointed sealer of Weights & Measures by the Selectmen

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[300] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembed on Monday the first day of April 1811 to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors

The meeting being opened votes for the following persons were given in Sorted counted record & delaration thereof made as follows

For Governor	His Ex. Elbridge Gerry . . . . .	129
	Hon Christopher Gore . . . . .	90
	Wm Phillips Esqr . . . . .	2
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Gov.	Hon Wm Gray Esqr . . . . .	120
	Wm Phillips Esqr . . . . .	94
	T. T. Barton . . . . .	2
	Wm Kilburn . . . . .	1
	Christopher Gore . . . . .	1
Senators &c	Jonas Kendall Esqr . . . . .	86
	Seth Hastings Esqr . . . . .	86
	Francis Blake Esqr . . . . .	85
	Silas Holman Esqr . . . . .	86
	Pliney Merrick Esqr . . . . .	99
	Samuel Jones Esqr. . . . .	99
	Edward Bangs Esqr . . . . .	99
	Moses White Esqr . . . . .	99
Oliver Fox Town Clerk	John Thurston . . . . .	Selectmen
	John Willard . . . . .	of
	Joseph Downe Jr . . . . .	Fitchburg
	Joseph Farwell . . . . .	
	Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

[301] May 6, 1811 The town met according to adjournment of the meeting April 1, 1811, respecting the division of the center school destrict

The committee chosen to report at this meeting made their report that it was expedient that the destrict be divided & the town build two new school houses

Voted to dissolve this meeting & it was accordingly dissolved

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham J Mo<sup>d</sup>  
Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify & warn the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any other estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns Meeting house on tuesday the fourteenth day of May next, at three o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us before the above said fourteenth day of may next

Given under our hands & Seals at said Fitchburg the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1811

John Willard      Abraham Willard      Joseph Farwell      Selectmen of Fitchburg

Fitchburg May 14, 1811

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within Mentioned      Joseph Carter Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg asembled on Tuesday 14. May. 1811 for the purpose of choosing Representatives.

Motioned & seconded to send two representatives the present year the vote being tried it passed in the affirmative

Voted & choose M<sup>r</sup> Paul Wetherbee & M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Willard to represent them in the General Court the present year

John Thurston John Willard Joseph Downe J Joseph Farwell Oliver Fox town Clerk	}	Selectmen
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[302] Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . . . Greeting  
(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
(L S) warn the freholders and other inhabitants of said  
town Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting,  
to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said  
town on monday the third day of June next at three  
o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
  - 2 To see if the town will divide the center school  
desstrict agreeable to the report of the committee pre-  
sented to the town at a meeting in April
  - 3 To see if the town will build two school houses in  
the two center desstricts provided the desstrict is divided  
or act any thing thereon the town may think proper
  - 4 To see if the town will choose a committe to des-  
strict the town anew for the benefit of schooling or act  
any thing thereon they may think proper.
  - 5 To see if the town will raise any sum of money  
for the purpose of building the above school houses or  
act any thing thereon
  - 6 To see if the town will raise one hundred Dollars  
toward defraying the expence of a fire Engine agreeable  
to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said town
- Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said  
day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of May AD 1811

John Thurston  
Joseph Downe Jr  
Jos. Farwell } Selectmen

Worcester fs Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressd to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Fitchburg June 3. 1811      Joseph Carter Const<sup>t</sup>

[303] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday June 3, 1811—

Voted & chose John Willard moderator

Voted to excuse John Willard from serving as Moderator & chose . . . . William Cunning Esqr Mod<sup>r</sup>

Voted to pass over the 2<sup>d</sup> Article in the warrant.

Voted to pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> Article in the warrant.

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first monday in march Next 3 o'clock P. M.

Worcester fs To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . . . . Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L. S.) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of (L. S.) said town Qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at the towns Meeting house in said town on thursday the fourth day of July next at four o'clock P M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To see if the town will direct their Treasurer to pay over to the selectmen of the town of Newburyport any sum of money for the purpose of relieving the Sufferers in that town by a late destressing fire or act any thing theron

3 To see if the town will raise any sum of money for the purpose of defraying the necessary Charges of the town or act any thing thereon

4 To see if the town will divide the center school destrict agreeable to the report of a committee exhibited to the town in April last or act any thing thereon

5 To see if the town will do any thing towards building a school house in the new made destrict or act any thing theron

6 To see if the town will make any alteration in any school destrict or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

[304] Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of June AD 1811

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr.		
Joseph Farwell		

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warnd the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg July 4, 1811      Joseph Carter Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Thursday July 4, 1811

Voted & chose Joseph Downes Jr Town Clerk Pro. tem

Voted & chose William Cunningham J Esqr Modr

Voted to choose a committee of one in each Parish to recive a contrabution for the relief of the sufferers of Newbury Port by a late fire & transmit the same to the Selectmen of Newbury Port

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee, John Thurston & Saml Gibson for the above committee

Voted to pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> article in the warrant.

Voted to divide the middle school destrict according to a report of a committee presented to the town in April last which is as follows viz

Fitchburg, March 6, 1811. The committee chosen by the town to take into consideration the expediency of any

alteration in the center School Distriet, beg leave to report,

That in their opinion, that it is expedient that the said distriet be divided, and a new distriet be formed, consisting of that part thereof which lies east, south & south west of a line crofsing the great road South East of the small building now occupied by Mr Daniel Goodfreys as dwelling house;—And that in case of a Division as aforesaid, both distriets will be destitue of accomodation for keeping a school which is respectfully submitted by your committee                    Edw<sup>d</sup> Durant Per order

Voted to give the new made distriet Ninety Dollars for the purpose of building the school house

Voted to order the treasurer to pay over to a committee of the Distriet No 12. Ninety Dollars for the purpose of building a school house

Voted to annex Thomas Leitch & Elizabeth Fitzgerald to the [305] Distriet No 12.

Voted to reconsider the vote granting Ninety Dollars to the Distriet No 12. & the order to the Treasurer to pay 90 Doll<sup>s</sup> to said Distriet.

Voted to disfolve this Meeting

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham J Mod<sup>r</sup>

Joseph Down J T. Clerk pro tem

Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the constable of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to summons and notify the free-holders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to afsemble at the towns Meeting house on tuesday the nineteenth of Nov<sup>r</sup> Instant at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles. (Viz)

- 1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the town will accept of the revision made by the Selectmen respecting the jury boxes, or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.
- 3 To see if the town will repair their school houses as usual or act anything theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of Nov<sup>r</sup> AD. 1811

John Thurston John Willard Joseph Downe J Abraham Willard Joseph Farwell	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester ss

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs<sup>d</sup> to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned Joseph Carter Constable

Fitchburg Nov<sup>r</sup> 19. 1811

[306] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Tuesday November 19 AD 1811

Voted & chose William Cunningham Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Voted that the doings of the Selectmen respecting the revision of the jury boxes be confirmed.

Voted that the town in future discontinue the practice in repairing the towns school houses in the several destricts.

William Cunningham J Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Oliver Fox town Clerk

The following is a division of the school money for the year 1811 by the Selectmen

Destriet No 1.	Doct. Snow . . . . .	\$119.49
No 2.	Amos Peirce . . . . .	40.90
No 3.	Kendal Boutell Jr . . . .	53.39
No 4.	Elezer Sawtle . . . . .	43.68
No 5.	Jos. Downe Jr . . . . .	40.05
No 6.	Joshua Phillips . . . . .	40.05
No 7.	Ruben Smith . . . . .	41.44
No 8.	Sam <sup>r</sup> . Gibson Jr . . . . .	44.37
No 9.	Mieah Shattuck . . . . .	46.76
No 10.	Dea. John Thurston . . . .	67.80

No 11. Jacob Gibson . . . .	35.12
No 12. Joseph Fox Esqr. . . .	66.95
John Thurston	Selectmen
John Willard	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Oliver Fox town Clerk	

Fitchburg Decr 2. 1811

1812 Worcester fs. To Either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County—greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the said town's Meeting house on Monday the second day of March next at nine o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2 To choose a town clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the law directs and act any thing in regard to choosing collectors the town may think proper
- 3 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year insuing and act any thing thereon.
- 4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year insuing and act any thing in regard to laying out said money the town may think proper
- 5 To see what sum or Sums of money the town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing and act any thing thereon
- 6 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to pay the necefsary expences of the town.
- [307] 7 To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer
- 8 To see if the town will permit the swine to run at large under the regulation of the law
- 9 To see if the town will choose saxtons to take care of their burying ground or act any thing thereon

10 To see if the town will accept of any road that may be laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

11 To see if the town will make a new division of the school Districts through out the town or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

12 To see if the town will allow any accounts that may be laid before them.

13 To see if the town will lay out and establish the road from the county road near Thomas Litch leading by Dr Jonas Marshalls to the road that leads from John Thurstons to Joseph Farnsworths or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of Febr<sup>r</sup> 1812

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Downe Jr		
Joseph Farwell		

Worcester fs.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therin expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Joseph Carter Constable

Fitchburg March 2<sup>d</sup> 1812.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday March 2, 1812

Voted and chose William Cunningham J. Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

The Prayer was made by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Barton

Voted and chose Oliver Fox . . . . Town Clerk

Voted and chose Joseph x Simonds . Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five Selectmen for the ensuing year

Voted and chose John Thurston, John Willard Maj<sup>r</sup> Leonard Burbank & Timothy F. Downe . . Selectmen

Voted to choose the assessors and brot in on one piece of paper

Voted & chose John x Thurston John x Willard & Jonas  
x Marshall Johnson & others Professors

Voted & chose Oliver Fox, Thomas Cowdin, John Battles Nathan Battles, Elijah Carter J, Daniel Andrews, Nathan Badecock Jr. Perley Mc intier, Paul Wetherbee, Dan<sup>t</sup> Flint Joseph Farnsworth, Nathan Ordway, Samuel Taylor, Eben<sup>t</sup> Thurston Jr, Jacob Stickney, Asaph Boutell Eph<sup>m</sup> Smith, Benja<sup>a</sup> Herrick . . . . Highway Surveyors

Voted and chose Phinehas Brown, John Carter, Joseph Wheeler J Zachariah Shelden J, James Capen, David Bolton & Royal Rider . . . . . Hogreves

[308] Voted & chose John R. Kemp, Joseph Downe Jr  
Cullers of Hoops & staves

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds & Timo Garfield

Voted & chose Joseph Farwell, Elipt<sup>t</sup> Perley & Isaiah Putnam . . . Sealers of Leather  
Fire wards

Voted & chose Joel Page Dan! Farwell J. Field Drivers  
Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J. . . . Pound Keeper

Voted & chose John Marshall J. & John Keeper  
Voted & chose Jon<sup>a</sup> Thurston & Jonas Marshall J  
Tythingman

Voted & chose Zachiriah Shelden J Oliver W Warren  
Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Ephraim Kimball J Thos Carter and

Voted & chose Ephraim Kimball J. Thos Carter and Joshua Phillips . . . . . Fence Viewers

Voted & chose Joseph Farwell, James Cowdin, Elery Brown, Jonathan Whitcomb, William Down Phillip F. Cowdin, Joseph Carter, George Wood Zacheriah Shelden Jr. Samuel Caswell J. Eph<sup>m</sup> Gibson & Oliver Fox  
School Committee men

Voted to enlarge the school Committee five in number.

Voted & chose Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bascom Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Barton, William Cunningham Jr Esqr Doc<sup>t</sup> P. Snow, & Joseph Richardson.

Voted & chose Levi Davis & William Carlton. Saxtons.

Voted & chose Levi Davis & William Carter : Taxtions  
Voted that the collection of Taxes be let out at Isaiah  
Putnams by the Selectmen at 5 o'clock this evening.

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars to repair the highways & bridges the year ensuing.

Voted that the poor be let out to the lowest bidder at Isaiah Putnams this evening

\$700 Voted to raise Seven hundred Dollars for the support of schools 660 Dollars by distributed among the school destricts according to the number of schollars in the destricts and that 40 Dollars by divided amongst the most needy destricts, according to the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted to pass over the 6<sup>th</sup> article.

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with the treasurer

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham, Jos. Downe Jr

Voted to pass over the 8<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant.

Voted to pass over the 10. Article

Voted to choose a committee to take into consideration the 11<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant and report at sum future meeting

Voted that the Committee consist of twenty four

Voted & chose Doct. Peter Snow, Jonas Marshall J. Abijah Goodridge James Cowdin, Paul Wetherbee Israel Turner Esq<sup>r</sup> Eph<sup>m</sup> Osborn Daniel Harris, Joseph Downe J. Benja Fullar, Seth Phillips Thomas Cowdin, Abraham Willard Joshua Stickney, Dea. Samuel Gibson, John Willard, Thomas Thurston, John Pratt, Joseph Richardson John Thurston, Amos Lawrence Danil Andrews Joseph Fox Thomas Litch.

[309] Voted to allow the Selectmens account presented this day

Voted that the Selectmen assertain and define the boundaries of the road near Thomas Litches to the road leading from Dea John Thurston to Jos. Farnsworths and report at the adjoint

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April 1. o'clock P. M.

The Selectmen a committee to take care of the Poor of the town have attended to the business as follows Let them out to the lowest bidder at Isaiah Putnams by the week, the person who bids them off to have pay as long as they keep them

Ephraim Smith bid off to Benj<sup>a</sup> Fullar @ 88 cents per week

Samuel French bid off to Thos. French he to give 20<sup>et</sup> per week at April Meeting Thos French declined taking him & bid of to Dani<sup>l</sup> Farwell J he is to keep him for his labour.

Mary wares bid of to Ephraim Smith is to have 64 cts per week

Jonas Spaldwin bid of to Zach. Shelden J . . . . . 48. et per week

Rebeckah Smith bid of to Daniel Farwell Jr @ 12 et. per week

Sam<sup>l</sup> French Ju<sup>r</sup> wife & child bid of to Levi Farwell @ 49 et per week

April 6. 1812 The town met according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer as follows. Fitchburg March 9. 1812 The committee chosen by the town at their meeting on the 2<sup>d</sup> March inst for the examination of the accounts of the town Treasurer have attended that duty, and find the following to be a true statement thereof

Respectfully submitted by

William Cunningham Jr }  
Joseph Downe J } committee

March 8 1811 Ballance in the treasury on an adjustment this day . . . . .	\$6.25
Paid into the treasury, at sundry times of John Willard of the taxes committed to him to collect in the year 1810. . . . .	829.53
18 Paid into the treasury by the Selectmen the same received by them of the town of Groton for the support of a pauper belonging to that town . . . . .	35.45
Oct <sup>r</sup> 31 Paid into the treasury by Leonard Burbank for effects of the town sold to him	1.90
Nov. 12 Paid into the treasury by William Cunningham J. one moiety of the fines imposed by him on Thos & Joseph Carter for	

the transgression by them of the Laws for the due observation of the Lords day . . .	4.00
Dec <sup>r</sup> 16 Paid into the treasury by the Select- men in cash, and notes against sundry per- sons for effects of the town sold at vendue	20.55
Paid into the treasury by Joseph Carter of the taxes committed to him to collect for 1811	134.00
Paid into the treasury by Abiel Holt, the bal- lance in full of the taxes committed to him to collect in 1810 . . . . .	64.07
Paid into the treasury by Abiel Holt of the taxes committed to him to collect for 1811.	70.36
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	\$1166.11

Paid by the treasurer to sundry persons on or-  
ders drawn on him by the Selectmen, which  
we have examined and distroyed \$1035:40  
ballance in treasurers hands \$130.71 is . . .

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1166.11

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Allowed the treasurer for his Services, twelve  
Dollars, which reduces the ballance in his  
hands to . . . . .

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\$118.71

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We find in the Treasuries hands: A promifsoy  
note given by Ephraim Kimball dated Jan<sup>y</sup>  
30, 1800 on Interest, but none paid since the  
last settlement with the treasurer, for . . .

\$100.

A promifsoy note given by John Goodridge  
dated December 7. 1808 on Interest but none  
paid — for . . . . .

7.01

We find in the hands of John Willard, Collector  
for 1810 . . . . .

243.46

We find in the hands of Abiel Holt Collector for  
1811 . . . . .

632.61

We find in the hands of Joseph Carter Collector  
for 1811 . . . . .

499.32

There appears in the Treasuries Books a notice  
of . . . . .

67.83

to be distributed among certain "Pewholders," according  
to a former Vote of the town, but as this Item has no

connection with the state of the towns account with their Treasurer, we have dismissed it from any other attention

William Cunningham J } Committee  
Joseph Downe Jun<sup>r</sup> }  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

\$600 Voted to raise six hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expences of the town

Voted to excuse John Battles as Highway surveyor & chose Capt Joshua Goodridge in his room.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to I. Putnams Hall at 6. o'clock this evening.

Town met according to adjournment

Voted and chose Oliver Fox & Zachariah Shelden Jurors collectors

Voted & chose Oliver Fox & Zach. Shelden J Constables for Presnt year

Voted to accept Joseph Fox & Jon<sup>a</sup> Haskell as bondsmen for Oliver Fox.

Voted to accept Stephen Dole & Josiah Brown as bondsmen for Zachariah Shelden J

Voted to disolve this meeting.

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

March 2. 1812. The selectmen a committee chosen to let out the collectorship at I. Putnams, attended to the businfs as follows, viz.

Let out the south side of the town to Oliver Fox at \$1.90 upon the \$100

Let out the north side of the town to Zach<sup>h</sup> Shelden J at 1.75 upon the \$100              Signed by the Selectmen

[311] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg within said county . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and  
(L S) warn the male inhabitants of the said Town of  
(L S) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up-  
(L S) wards, having a freehold estate within the com-  
monwealth of the annual income of three pounds,

or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the towns meeting house on Monday the sixth day of April next at three o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of March AD 1812.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

John Thurston John Willard Leonard Burbank Timo. F. Downe Daniel Farwell J	Selectmen
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Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein express'd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned. Joseph Carter Constable

April 6, 1812

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday April 6, 1812 to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors. The Meeting being opened votes for the following persons were given in sorted, counted, record and declaration thereof made as follows. (viz)

For Governor	{ His Excel <sup>d</sup> Elbridge Gerry . . . . .	141
	{ Hon Caleb Strong Esqr . . . . .	126

Lieu <sup>t</sup> Governor.	{ Hon W <sup>m</sup> Phillips . . . . .	126
	{ Hon W <sup>m</sup> King . . . . .	143

Senators &c	{ Timothy Whiting Esqr . . . . .	137
	{ Edmund Cushing Esqr . . . . .	137
	{ Hon Silas Holman . . . . .	124
	{ Solomon Strong Esqr . . . . .	123

John Thurston John Willard Daniel Farwell J Timo F Downe Leonard Burbank Oliver Fox town Clerk	Selectmen
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[312] Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and  
(L.S) warn all the male inhabitants of the said town of  
(L.S) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up-  
(L.S) wards and resident in said town one year next  
preceding having a freehold estate within said  
Town of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate  
to the value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at the  
meeting house of said town on Monday the fourth day  
of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the pur-  
pose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent  
them at the General Court, appointed to be convened  
and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day  
of April AD 1812

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing hereon to some one of us on or before said day. John Thurston )

John Thurston  
John Willard  
Leonard Burbank  
Tim<sup>o</sup> F. Downe  
Daniel Farwell Jr } Selectmen  
of  
Fitchburg

Worcester ss. May 4, 1812 Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therin expres'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein mentioned Oliver Fox, Constable of Fitchburg

Oliver Fox, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday May 4, 1812 for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, the Selectmen presided.

Motioned & Seconded that we send two Representatives the present year and the votes be brought on one piece of paper & it passed in the affirmative. 112. to 93

The votes being call'd for sorted, counted and record thereof made as follows for Paul Wetherbee 114, Samuel

Gibson 110 Joseph Simonds 104. Leonard Burbank 81  
 John Willard 23. W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup> 2. Joseph Fox 1.  
 it required 109. for a choice Paul Wetherbee & Sam<sup>t</sup> Gib-  
 son had that number and was declared chosen

Meeting Dissolved	John Thurston John Willard Leonard Burbank Tim <sup>o</sup> F. Downe Dan <sup>t</sup> Farwell Jur Oliver Fox Town Cerk	}
	Selectmen of Fitchburg	

[313] Worcester fs. To Capt Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by verbal notice to notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants the south side of said town Qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the towns Meeting house on Monday the twenty fifth day of this instant May at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2 To see if the town will offer any reward by way of Bounty or wages to such soldiers as may volunteer or be detached to supply the number of troops required by the Commander and chief to be detached from the infantry and Cavalry of said town or act any thing thereon the town may think proper, agreeable to a request of a number of Inhabitants of said town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day, and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of May AD 1812

John Thurston John Willard Leonard Burbank	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester fs Fitchburg May 25 1812<sup>r</sup>

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the south

side of the town of Fitchburg qualified as there in express'd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by giving verbal notice and leaving word for them to attend said meeting

Oliver Fox Constable

Worcester is To Zachariah Shelden Jr Constable of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
(L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants on the  
north side of said town Qualified by law to vote  
in town affairs to meet and assemble at the towns meet-  
ing house on Monday the twenty fifth day of May  
Instant at one of the Clock P. M. to act on the following  
articles (Viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will offer any reward by way  
of bounty or wages to such soldiers as may volunteer or  
be detached to supply the number of troops required by  
the commander in chief to be detached from the infantry  
and cavalry of said town or act any thing thereon the  
town may think proper. Hereof fail not and make return  
of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day  
and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and  
seals this 19. day of May 1812

John Thurston      John Willard  
Leonard Burbank } Selectmen

[314] Fitchburg May 21. 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned  
and notified the inhabitants, on the north side of said  
town qualified as therein express'd to meet at the time  
and place and for the purpofes within mentioned

Zachariah Shelden Jr Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of  
Fitchburg assembled on Monday May 25, 1812

Voted and chose Edward Durant Esq: Moderator

Voted that the town make up the Soldiers wages to twelve Dollars per month which may volunteer or be detached from the town of Fitchburg (according to the warrant) while in actual service

Edward Durant Mod:  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Road from County road to Newton & Strong's Factory  
To the selectmen of the town of Fitchburg  
Humbly shew

Martin Newton of said Fitchburg Cabinet Maker and Solomon Strong of Westminster in the County of Worcester Esquire; that they are seized and possessed of a certain Tract of land containing about two acres, situated in said Fitchburg on the Northerly side of the river called Nashua=North Branch. They have begun to erect, and will soon have completed a large Factory on the premises for spinning Cotton. Said Premises do not touch any road. The road leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster Meeting house passes within about thirteen rods of the Premises. It is necessary and convenient for your petitioners to have a road from said road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster as aforesaid to the premises. They therefore pray you Gentlemen to lay out a town road and private way from the road, leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster Meeting house, to the premises; to begin in such point in said road & to pass in such directions to the premises as to you shall seem proper: The expence of making and keeping in repair said town road and private way, as also the damages to be alsefed in consequence of locating said way, to be paid by your petitioners

Fitchburg May 2<sup>d</sup> 1812

Martin Newton  
Solomon Strong

The subscribers being a Majority of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, on this seventh day of september in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and twelve, on the writen application & request of Martin Newton and Solo. Strong dated May 2<sup>d</sup> 1812 do lay

out the following as a town road and private way in the town of Fitchburg and to be hereafter known as a town road and private way in said town, to wit Beginning at a stake in the County road, leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster [315] Leominster Meeting house on the southerly side of said road thence running south twenty one degrees west, fifteen rods & three links to a stake opposite the Northwesterly corner of the New Factory, owned by said Newton & Strong, said road is to be two rods wide and lays on the Easterly side of said bounds. Said road in its whole course goes through the land of Capt<sup>t</sup> Oliver Fox.

The damages arising from laying out said road, and also the expences of making and keeping in repair said road to be paid by said Newton & Strong. We appraise the damages to Cap<sup>t</sup> Oliver Fox by laying out said road at the sum of One hundred and one Dollars and the said Fox is willing to receive said sum as compensation for his damages; all which is respectfully submitted to the town for their acceptance and approval.

John Thurston      } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Tim<sup>o</sup> F Downe      } Fitchburg  
Daniel Farwell      }

Sep<sup>t</sup> 19. 1812      recorded by Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free-holders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at the town Meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty Eighth day of September instant at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will accept of the report of the Committee chosen to define the limits of the school destriicts or act any thing thereon
- 3<sup>d</sup> To take into consideration the order of notice

from the General Court upon a petition of Thomas Miles praying to be set off to Westminster and act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will accept and approve of a town road and private way, laid out by the Selectmen from the County road leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster Meeting house to the new factory owned by Martin Newton & Solomon Strong beginning at a stake on the southerly side of said County road and running south twenty one degrees west fifteen rods and three links to a stake opposite the North westerly corner of said Factory, said road being two rods wide and being on the Easterly side of said bounds.

5 To see if the town will accept of the bounds of the road leading from the County road near Thomas Litches by Doct Jonas Marshalls to the north road leading by Dea John Thurstons, as defined by the Selectmen or act anything thereon.

6 To see if the town will take upon themselves as a town bridge the bridge formerly built by Ephraim Kimball, near J & J Farwells blacksmith shop and also give up the obligation said Kimball gave to the town for money to build said bridge or act any thing there on.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your [316] doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this seventh day of September AD 1812

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Timo F Downe	}	Fitchburg
Daniel Farwell		

Worcester fs Sept 28, 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday Sep: 28, 1812.

Voted & chose Maj<sup>r</sup> Leonard Burbank Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee to make objection to Thomas Miles Petition praying to be sett off to Westminster

Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Doc<sup>t</sup> Peter Snow, William Cunningham Jr Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cowdin, Jonas Marshall Jr and Dea. John Thurston

Voted to accept of the report of the Committee chosen to define the Limits of the several school destricts as follows viz

Fitchburg May 19, 1812

The committee chosen by the town to take into consideration the 11<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant which is as follows Viz, To see if the town will make a new division of the school destricts through out the town, or act any thing there on beg leave to report.—Your committee have not considered it expedient to make any alterations in the several school destricts, but have defined the limits of each destrict, as accurately as the nature of the thing will admit, beginning with District N<sup>o</sup> 12, which is bounded as follows Viz, Beginning at the South west corner of Cap<sup>t</sup> Oliver Fox land, thence on said Foxes west line to the north west corner of his land, Thence to the south west corner of Calvin Mefsenders land, Thence on said Mefsenders land to land of Daniel Putnam Esq<sup>r</sup> Thence on said Putnams land to land of Amos Wheeler, Thence on said Wheelers south line to his South west corner, Thence to the South west corner of W<sup>m</sup> Kilburns land, Thence to the south east corner of Joseph Phelps land Thence to Lunenburg line, Thence on Lunenburg line to Thos Litches south line, Thence to the north west corner of Joshua Pierces land, Thence to Moses Hales south East corner, Thence on the south line of said Hales Land to the southeast corner of W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr Esq<sup>r</sup> land, Thence on said Cunninghams land to W<sup>m</sup> Walterns land, including said Walten land, Thence to the north west corners of Benj<sup>a</sup> Blaneys land near Rollstone hill, thence to the bounds first mentioned

[317] District No 2. Bounded as follows viz, Beginning on Lunenburg line at Thomas Litche's south line, Thence on Lunenburg line to Leominster line, thence on Leominster line to Lancaster old corner (so called) on top of Manoosnock hill, Thence a straigh line to the south west corner of District No 12, thence on District No 12, to the bounds first Mentioned

District No 4. Beginning as follows viz, Beginning on the town line at the south west corner of Deacon Kendall Boutell land, thence on the town line to Westminster line, Thence Northward on the town line to the Middle branch of Nashua River, Thence Easterly on said river to Joseph & Timo. T. Downes farm, Thence on the south line of said Farm to Benja Fullars land, Thence to the North west corner of W<sup>m</sup> Bacom's land, Thence to the North west corner of Kendall Boutells J land Thence southerly on District No 3. to the bounds first Mentioned

District No 3. Bounded as follows Viz, Beginning at lancaster old corner, above mentioned, thence westerly on the town line to Dea. Kendall Boutells south west corner, Thence on the west line of said Boutells land to the west line of Kendall Boutell Jur North line to the town road, Thence on said road to the Northeast corner of Paul Wetherbees land, Thence to the north west corner of District No 2, thence southwardly on District No 2. to the first Mentioned bounds.

District No 5. Bounded as follows Viz, Beginning at the south west corner of District No 12, Thence on District No 3 & 4 till it comes to Nashua River, Thence easterly down said River to the north east corner of David Pratts land, Thence to the first mentioned bounds.

District No 6. Beginning as follows, Viz Beginning on the town line at the Middle branch of Nashua River, thence on the town line to the north west corner of Houghtons land, thence on Houghtons land to Benja Hartwells land, thence on said Hartwells land to his north west corner, Thence to the north west corner of Ephraim Davis land, thence to the north east corner of Thomas Eatons land Thence on said Eatons to the River, thence up said river to the first mentioned bounds

Destriet N<sup>o</sup> 7. Bounded as follows. Beginning at the North west corner of Houghtons land near the town line, Thence on the town line to Amos Sheldens north line, Thence easterly a Straight line to the north west corner of Sylvanus Laphams land, Thence on said Lapham's west line to the town road Thence on the town road, to the County road, Thence on the County road to the Southwest corner of said Laphams land Thence on Dea Jos. Tildens north line to his north west corner, Thence to the north east corner, Thence a straight line to the southeast corner of Lemuel H Sylvesters land Thence on Destriet No 6, to the first mentioned Bounds.

Destriet N<sup>o</sup> 8. Bounded as follows, viz Beginning at Amos Sheldens north line on the town line and runs north on the town line to Ashby line, Thence east on the town line to the east line of [318] of Dea Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibsons land Thence southwardly on said Gibson east line to the northeast corner of George Woods land, Thence a Straight line to the Southeast corner of Phinehas Browns land, Thence to the north East corner of Elijah McIntires land, Thence to the Southeast corner of Sylvanus Laphams land Thence westerly on Destriet No. 7. to the bounds first Mentioned

Destriet N<sup>o</sup> 9. Bounded as follows. viz, Beginning at the town line at the northeast corner of Dea S. Gibsons land, Thence on the town line, at a due north point drawn from the northeast corner of Joseph Richardsons land, Thence southerly on said Richardsons west line to his south west corner, Thence a straight line to the south west corner of Edward Scotts land, Thence westerly a straight line to the northeast corner of Dea. Jos. Tildens land Thence bounded on Destriet No 7 & 8. to the bounds first mentioned.

Destriet N<sup>o</sup> 10. Bounded as follows viz Beginning at Ashby line at a Due north point drawn from the northwest corner of Joseph Richardsons land, Thence easterly on the town line to the northeast corner of Levi Wetherbees land, Thence to the southeast corner of James Parkhurst land, Thence a straight line to the southeast corner of Joseph Richardsons land, Thence a Straight line to the Northeast corner of Samuel Caswells land, Thence on

Jacob Gibsons west and south line to the northwest corner of Warren Chases land Thence to Doct Jonas Mar-shalls Jaquith lot (so call'd) the northeast corner Thence Southwardly on Lunenburg line to District N<sup>o</sup> 12, Thence westerly on District N<sup>o</sup> 12. to the northwest corner of District N<sup>o</sup> 12, Thence a straight line, to the southeast corner of District N<sup>o</sup> 9. Thence north bounding on District N<sup>o</sup> 9. to the bounds first Mentioned

District N<sup>o</sup> 11. Bounded as follows Beginning at Levi Wetherbees north east corner, on Ashby line, Thence easterly on the town line to Lunenburg line Thence Southwardly on Lunenburg line to the North east corner of District N<sup>o</sup> 10. to the first mentioned bounds.

District N<sup>o</sup> 1. Bounded as follows, viz, beginning at the southwest corner of Capt Oliver Foxs land, Thence Northwesterly on District No. 12, to the Northwest corner of said District, Thence westerly on District N<sup>o</sup> 10 & 9, to District N<sup>o</sup> 7, Thence southwardly on District N<sup>o</sup> 7 & N<sup>o</sup> 6, Thence southwardly on District No 5, to the North west corner of Benjamin Blanys land near Rollstone hill (so calld) thence northerly to the first mentioned bounds.

Peter Snow per order of the Committee

Voted to accept the report of the selectmen respecting a road laid out to Newton & Strong's factory which report is recorded on the town Book Dated September 7, 1812

[319] Voted to accept of the report of the Selectmen, respecting a road laid out from Thomas Litches to Dea John Thurstons as follows Pursuant to a vote of the town pafsd March 2<sup>d</sup> 1812 the Selectmen have proceeded to erect and define the bounds of the road from the County road near Thomas Litches leading by William Kilburns to the north road leading from Fitchburg to Lunenburg by Dea. John Thurstons which is as follows (viz)

Beginning at a Stake & Stones the north side of the County road near Thomas Litches and the west side of the road that leads by William Kilburns and runs North

17. degrees east four rods to a Stake & Stones on Thomas Litches east line, thence north 6 degrees east six rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 15 degrees east eight rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 10 degrees east thirty rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 17. degrees east twelve rods to a stake & Stones, thence north 6 degrees east twenty two rods to a Stake & Stones thence north 11 degrees east fifty eight rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 2 degrees west thirteen rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 6 degrees east fifty eight rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 19 degrees east twelve rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 12½ degrees east twenty six rods to the northeast corner of M<sup>r</sup> Amos Ordways house, thence north 10 Degrees east five rods to a Stake & Stones thence north 26 degrees west four rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 35 degrees north eleven rods, to a Stake & Stones, thence north 24 degrees west two rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 5 degrees east thirty six rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 2 degrees east thirty rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 7 degrees east twenty four rods to a Stake & Stones, the south side of the north road near John Thurs-tions so call<sup>d</sup>. The above road from Amos Ordways south line to the north road is meant to be two rods wide, the bounds are all on the westerly side of said road, as near the west wall, as can be convenient All which is respectfully submitted to the town.

Fitchburg Sept<sup>t</sup> 7. 1812. John Thurston      }  
Leonard Burbank      }  
Timo F. Downe      }  
Daniel Farwell J      } Selectmen

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to take into consideration the 6<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J. Doct Peter Snow, & David Boutell

Voted that the above committee make some repairs on the bridge as they Shall think proper, before Muster day

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in November next at One o'clock P. M.

1812 November 2. The town met according to adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to thursday 12. Inst one o'clock P. M.

1812 Novr 12. The town met according to adjournment.

Voted & chose Doct Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro tem.

[320] Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to take into Consideration the 6<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant which is as follows

Articles of Agreement made and concluded by and between Ephm Kimball Jur of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, Yeoman on the first part, John Farwell, & Joseph Farwell, Gentlemen and Nehemiah Giles Yeoman all of Said Fitchburg on the second part, and the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg by Jonas Marshall J, Peter Snow & David Boutell their Committee on the third part, Witnesseth, That the said Ephm Kimball Jur for the Consideration hereafter mentioned, hereby doth demise and leave to said Inhabitants so much of his land included between the river and a straight line drawn from the north corner of his Garden to the north corner of the south butment of the Cotton Manufactory Corporation dam, as shall be neefsary for the purpose of regimental or battallion Musters, so often as, and at all times when they the said Inhabitants or the Selectmen of said town, or any person by their order, shall request it for that purpose, to be used and improved for the purpose aforesaid, so long as the said Inhabitants shall maintain and keep in good repair a good and sufficient bridge across the river from near Farwells blacksmith shop to his land; provided however, that this agreement shall become void and of no effect, whenever said Kimball shall pay said Inhabitants of Fitchburg fifty Dollars and also such sum if any, as the bridge at the time may be worth over and above the value of the bridge at this time.

And the said Farwells & Giles hereby agree in Consideration that the Town will support said bridge, to give full

permission and right to all persons to pass and repass over the land owned by them between the road and said bridge where the travel now is, so long as said town shall support said bridge; provided however, that the land shall not be raised in such manner as to injure them in their business And the said Inhabitants of Fitchburg by their said Committee, for the Consideration, before mentioned hereby promise and engage to support and maintain & keep in good repair a good and sufficient bridge across the river to said Kimballs land, near Farwells blacksmith shop untill this agreement shall be annulled by said Kimball; provided however, that this agreement shall be void and of no effect when the said Inhabitants of Fitchburg shall give notice to said Kimball that they will support said Bridge no longer and if the Bridge at the time Notice shall be given is of less value, then the bridge at this time in that place, shall pay unto said Kimball the difference.

And the said Inhabitants hereby engage that the note given to said town by Ephraim Kimball, shall be no longer obligatory, and that the same shall be delivered up to said Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Jur

And it is the understanding of the parties, that the Town shall have no right to erect booths, or buildings on said Kimballs land, except the same shall be for the accomodation of the officers of the regiment or Battalion, and under their direction. And it is the intention of the parties to this agreement, that it shall be in force and take effect whenever the town shall confirm and agree to the ingagements of their Committee and not before.

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[321] Worcester S.s. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said county . . . Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L S) warn the inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg (L S) duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the (L S) General Court of said Commonwealth, viz, the Male inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of

age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pound or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the towns Meeting house in said town, on Monday the second day of Nov<sup>r</sup> next, being the first in said month at three o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the North Worcester District

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of October AD

1812

John Thurston  
Tim<sup>o</sup> F Downe  
Dan<sup>l</sup> Farwell } Selectmen

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Nov<sup>r</sup> 2, 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male inhabitants of said Town qualified as therin express'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therin mentioned O. Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the second day of Nov: 1812. it being the first Monday of said Month for the purpose of choosing a Representative for the Worcester North destrict of the Commonwealth of Massachussetts to represent in the Congrefs of the United States. Votes for the following persons were given in sorted, counted, and record, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, to Wit,

For the Hon. Abijah Bigelow Leonster,  
Edmund Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup>. Eighty Six.  
Seventy two.

John Thurston  
John Willard  
Leo. Burbank      } Selectmen  
Timo. F. Downe  
Daniel Farwell J  
Oliver Fox town Clerk

[322] Dated at Fitchburg this second day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twelve

Ephraim Kimball J  
John Farwell  
Joseph Farwell  
Nehemiah Giles  
Jonas Marshall J } Committee  
Peter Snow }

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to make objection to Thomas Miles, Petition, praying to be set off to the town of Westminster as follows (viz)

To the Hon the Senate and the Hon. the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The town of Fitchburg in legal town meeting assembled beg leave to Remonstrate against the Petition of Thomas Miles to be sett off from the town of Fitchburg and annexed to the town of Westminster. Your Remonstrants consider it unreasonable that the prayer of said Petition should be granted Because the division line between the town of Fitchburg & Westminster, contiguous to which said Miles now lives, is a straight line; this regularity would be turnd into the most misshapen forms by the annexation to Westminster of the lands belonging to the said Miles which extends more the—miles towards the center of the town. Because the town of Fitchburg is at an expence far exceeding the expences of any adjoining Town, for the erection and repair of Bridges, and can inconveniently release from a contribution of this burden any of the lands within the town subject to taxation. And because the greater proximity of the said Miles to the Meeting house in Westminster than to the Meeting houses in Fitchburg (the circumstances on which his petition is principally grounded) and the road from his House to his chosen place of worship, or to the center of the town of Fitchburg, is equally good with the road from his house to Middle of Westminster. As to schools, the situation of the said Miles is now quite as eligible as it would be by his removal.) is wholly undeserving of consideration by the fact, that the said Miles is a member of a Religious Society in the town of Fitchburg by whom a

a Minister is maintained by voluntary subscription A nearer residence to the meeting house in Westminster then to the house of Public worship in Fitchburg, is an argument of no greater weight in favor of said Miles then of several in his neighborhood; and it is well understood that as he succeeds in his petition they are to be governed. If there were no reasons of a local nature to oppose their removal it would seem that the inequality already existing in favor of Westminster in the point of Wealth and Mensuration would be a sufficient abjection. Your Remonstrants lament that the [323] obvious weight of the reason herein assignd against the Petition of the said Miles, had not subdud in his mind the force of his natural attachments to Westminster, the place of His origination, but they have the most entire confidence that with a legislative Body governed by a liberal regard to the welfare of the whole, they will prevail against his Petition

Voted that the Representatives of the town of Fitchburg be instructed to present the Remonstrance to Thomas Miles Petition with such other objections as they may think proper and favorable to the town of Fitchburg

Voted to Defslove the Meeting

Leonard Burbank Mod:

Peter Snow Town Cerk Pro tem

recorded by . . . Oliver Fox town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Capt Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, Greeting You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the Male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns Meeting-house on thursday the twelfth day of this Instant November at three o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing six electors of President & Vice President of the United States for the Counties of Worcester Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin & Berkshire

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with

your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day and time above Mentioned.

Given under hands and seals at Fitchburg this second day of Nov<sup>r</sup> AD 1812.

John Thurston John Willard Leo. Burbank Timo F Downe Dan <sup>r</sup> Farwell J	}
	Selectmen

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Nov<sup>r</sup> 12, 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expresfd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[324] At a Legal meeting held at Fitchburg in the County of Worcester on the twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twelve, for the choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States the undernamed persons had the number of votes to their names respectively annexed

Hon. Isaac Maltby of Hartford . . . . .	106
Hon Geo. Blis Springfield . . . . .	106
Eph <sup>m</sup> Williams Esqr Deerfield . . . . .	106
Eleazer James Esqr Barre . . . . .	106
Hon. Benj. Heywood Woreester . . . . .	106
John W. Hulbert Esqr Pittsfield . . . . .	106
Hon W <sup>m</sup> Walker of Lenox . . . . .	81
Pliny Merrick Esqr Brookfield . . . . .	81
Moses White Esqr of Rutland . . . . .	81
Thomas Shepherd Esqr of Northampton . . . .	81
Solomon Smead Esqr Greenfield . . . . .	81
Jeremiah Stebbings Esqr Springfield . . . . .	81

Sorted Counted & Sealed in presence of

John Thurston John Willard Leo. Burbank Timo. F. Downe Dan <sup>r</sup> Farwell J	}
	Selectmen

Peter Snow Town Clerk pro tem  
recorded by . . . Oliver Fox Town Clerk.

[325] The following is a division of the school money for the year 1812

No 1.	Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Farwell . . . . .	\$136.30
2.	James Cowdin . . . . .	41.18
3	Ellery Brown . . . . .	53.81
4.	Jon <sup>a</sup> Whitecomb. . . . .	45.45
5.	William Downe . . . . .	42.86
6.	Phillip F. Cowdin. . . . .	47.04
7	Joseph Carter . . . . .	47.04
8	George Wood . . . . .	49.93
9.	Zachariah Shelden J.. . . . .	49.04
10.	Samuel Caswell Jr . . . . .	74.43
11	Eph <sup>m</sup> Gibson . . . . .	39.39
12.	Oliver Fox . . . . .	73.53

Made by the Selectmen Dec<sup>r</sup> 15. 1812.

John Thurston	Selectmen
John Willard	
Timo F. Downe	
Dan <sup>t</sup> Farwell J	

[326] Worcester S.s. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County . . Greeting

(L. S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
 (L. S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
 (L. S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of  
 (L. S) said town, Qualified by law to vote in town af-  
 (L. S) fairs to meet and assemble at the towns Meeting  
 (L. S) house in said town on Monday the first day of  
 March next at nine o'clock A. M. to act on the following  
 articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To choose a town Clerk, town Treasurer, selectmen and all other town officers as the law directs, and act any thing in regard to choosing collectors as the town may Think proper
- 3 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.
- 4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise for schooling the year ensuing, and act any thing

in regard to laying out said money the town may think proper.

5. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town

6. To see if the town will choose a committee to settle with their town Treasurer

7. To see if the town will sell Jonas Marshall J their land and purchase a Bell for the Meeting house, if he will give the town one hundred Dollars more then two or three men that shall be agreed upon, shall appraise the land to be worth, or act any thing thereon.

8. To see if the town will vote the swine to run at large under the regulation of the law.

9. To see if the town will rebuild the bridge near Amos Browns or act any thing thereon.

10. To see if the town will give a bounty on crows or act any thing thereon

11. To see if the town will allow any accounts that shall be laid before them

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this tenth day of February AD 1813.

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Leonard Burbank		Fitchburg
Daniel Farwell Jr		

Worcester fs March 1, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therin expressd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[327] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday March 1, 1813.

Voted and chose W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham J Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator  
Prayers by the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Bascom.

Voted and chose Oliver Fox . . . . Town Clerk

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds . . . Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five selectmen for the year ensuing.

Voted and chose John Willard, Jonas Marshall J. Joseph Downe J Daniel Farwell J. & Samuel Gibson Jr Selectmen

Voted and chose John Thurston, John Willard & Peter Snow Afsefsors

Voted and chose Doct Peter Snow, Joshua x Phillips, Phinehas Allen, Marshal Hastings, John Tilden, Joseph Gibson, Josiah x Brown, Joseph Richardson, Person Brown, Elijah M<sup>c</sup>intier Jur, Thomas Litch, Joseph Upton, Timo. x F. Downe, John x Thurston 2<sup>d</sup>, Elisha x Carter, Capt<sup>t</sup> Aaron Wheeler, William x Carter, Benjamin Shelden,

. . . . . Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose, John x R. Kemp, Eben<sup>r</sup> x Thurston Jr, Jabez Fairbanks, Wm. x Carter, Thomas Harris, Daniel x Mayo, Calvin Willard Joseph Wheeler J, Abel Davis

. . . . . Hog reves

Voted & chose, John x R. Kemp and Joseph x Downe

. . . . . Cullers of H & Staves

Voted & chose, Joseph Farwell, Samuel Putnam, & Isaiah Putnam . . . . . Fire wards

Voted & chose, Abel Thurston, & Phillip F. Cowdin . . . . . Field Drivers

Voted & chose Thomas Eaton . . . . . Pound Keeper

Voted & chose, Jacob Upton Eph. Kimball J. Edw<sup>d</sup> Durant, Jon<sup>a</sup> Thurston . . . . . Tythingmen

Voted & chose, Joseph x Farwell, Zachariah x Shelden J . . . . . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose, Joseph Richardson, Joel x Page Levi Farwell . . . . . Fence Viewers

Voted & chose, W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham J. Doct Peter Snow, Joshua Goodridge, Joseph Simonds, Daniel Harris, Dan<sup>l</sup> Farwell J, Samuel Phillips, Abraham Willard, Joseph Willard, John Badeock, Elias Mefsenger, Jeremiah Kinsman J, . . . . . School committee.

Voted to add five to the above committee

Voted & chose Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Baseom, Ephraim Kimball J. Calvin Willard, John Shepley & Joseph Richardson for the Committee.

Voted & chose Levi Davis and W<sup>m</sup> Caltern . . . . . Saxtons

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of Taxes at Isaiah Putnams at 6 o'clock P. M.

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars to repair the highways and bridges, the year ensuing.

\$100 Voted to add one hundred Dollars for highways and Bridges

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing.

Voted that Seven hundred & fifty Dollars, be distributed according to the number of scholars, and fifty Dollars be distributed by the selectmen among the Destricts as they think best

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with the town Treasurer

Voted & chose Doct Peter Snow, John Thurston & John Willard for the Committee

Voted to pafs over the 7<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant

Voted to pafs over the 8<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant

Voted to pafs over the 9<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 10<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant

Voted to allow the account handed in by the Selectmen & Afsefsors

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at one o'clock P. M.

[328] The selectmen proceeded to let out the Poor at the lowest bidder at Isaiah Putnams March 1, 1813, at 6 o'clock P. M. as follows

The persons who bid them off to have pay as long as they keep them

Ephraim Smith set up, bid off to Asa

Farwell . . . . . @ 87.cents pr week  
Samuel French set up, bid off to Levi

Farwell . . . . . @ 1.cents  
Mary Wares, bid off to Joseph Carter @ 61.cents  
Jonas Spaldwin, bid off to Abiel Holt @ 31.cents

the boy is to have the privilege of the winter school  
Rebecca Smith, bid off to Joseph Carter @ 9 cents

Oliver Upton, bid off to Joseph Phelps @ 73 —  
 Putnam Perley bid off to Cap<sup>t</sup> Aaron  
 Eaton . . . . . @ 12 cents  
 Put up the collection of Taxes for the  
 south side of the town upon \$100  
 bid off to @ \$1.94  
 North side of the town bid off to @ \$1.98  
 John Willard  
 Jonas Marshall J } Selectmen  
 Joseph Downe J of  
 Daniel Farwell J Fitchburg  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibson Jun

The town met according to adjournment April 5, 1813.  
 Voted to choose one collector for the present year  
 Voted & chose Timothy Garfield collector.  
 Voted & chose Oliver Fox & Zach. Shelden Jr Constables  
 Voted to excuse Elisha Carter serving as Highway  
 surveyor  
 Voted & chose Joseph Downe J High way surveyor in  
 lieu of E. Carter excused.  
 Voted to adjourn this meeting till 6 o'clock P. M.  
 The Town Met according to adjournment  
 Voted to accept the report of Committee chosen to  
 settle with Town Treasurer  
 \$600 Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars to defray  
 the necessary expences of the town the present year  
 Voted to pass over the 7<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant  
 Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine  
 the Bridge near Amos Browns & make repairs if they  
 think proper for the town.

The committee chosen by the town at their meeting  
 on the first Instant, for the examination of the account  
 of the town treasurer have attended that duty, and re-  
 port as follows (viz)

We find due from Abiel Holt collector for 1811	
the sum of . . . . .	\$123.83
We find due from Joseph Carter Collector for	
1811 . . . . .	174.38

We find due from Oliver Fox Collector for 1812	655.11
We find due from Zachariah Sheldon J collector for 1812 . . . . .	596.80
We find one note Signed by John Goodridge dated Sept 2, 1812, with Intst . . . . .	2.09

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We find due to the treasurer after allowing him  
12\$ for his Services for the year past . . . \$6.80

Fitchburg March 15, 1813. Peter Snow  
John Thurston } Committee  
John Willard }  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

Meeting Desolved W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[329] Worcester fs. To Oliver Fox Constable of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting  
(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town Verbally, Qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at their Meeting house on Monday the fifth day of April next at five o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
  - 2 To see what method the town will take to get rid of the support of Ephraim Farnsworths family
  - 3 To see if the town will sett off a Number of their Inhabitants at the Easterly part of the town into a separate school District agreeable to their request or act any thing there on

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 5, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as  
within directed to meet at the time & place, by reading

the warrant at the April meeting at 5 o'clock P. M. by  
order of Selectmen Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting, warned on the spot, of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled April 5, 1813

Voted & chose Edward Durant Moderator

Voted that the selectmen manage the business respecting Ephraim Farnsworth Family as they think most proper for the town.

Voted to pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> Article in the warrant

## Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Edw<sup>d</sup> Durant Mod:  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester SS. To Oliver Fox one of the Constables  
of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to warn the Male  
(L S) Inhabitants of the said town of Fitchburg of  
(L S) twenty one years of age and upwards having a  
(L S) freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the  
(L S) annual income of ten Dollars, or any estate to the  
value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at their Meeting  
house on Monday the fifth day of April next at three  
oclock P. M. to give in their Votes for a Governor Lieut  
Governor and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the  
Constitution of said Commonwealth. Hereof fail not and  
make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to  
some one of us on or before said Day.

Given under our hands & Seals at Said Fitchburg this  
15 day of March AD 1813

John Willard  
Jonas Marshall J  
Joseph Downe J  
Dan'l Farwell J } Selectmen

Worcester SS. Fitchburg April 5, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg,

qualified as therein expressd to meet at the time and place  
and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[330] 1813 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday April 5, 1813 to vote for Governor, Lt<sup>t</sup> Governor, Senators & Counsellors. The meeting being opened by the Selectmen. Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted counted record & Declaration thereof made as follows (viz)

For Governor	{ Hon Joseph B. Varnum . . . . .	141
	{ Exec. Caleb Strong . . . . .	136
Lieut Gov.	{ Hon W <sup>m</sup> King . . . . .	141
	{ Hon W <sup>m</sup> Phillips . . . . .	136
Senators &c.	{ Moses White Esqr . . . . .	141
	{ Edmund Cushing Esqr . . . . .	141
	{ Hon Silas Holman . . . . .	136
	{ Hon Solomon Strong . . . . .	134

Attest,

John Willard      Jonas Marshall J      Joseph Downe Jr      Daniel Farwell Jr      Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibson Jr      Selectmen  
of  
Fitchburg

Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the town  
of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
(L S) warn the Male inhabitants of said town being  
(L S) twenty one years of age and resident in said town  
(L S) for the space of one year next preceding having a  
freehold estate within said town of the annual  
income of ten Dollars, or any estate to the value of Two  
hundred Dollars to meet at the Meeting house in  
Fitchburg on Monday the third day of May next at one  
o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more  
Representatives to represent them at the General Court  
appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last  
Wednesday of May next

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your [331] your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this ninth day of April AD 1813.

John Willard	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jonas Marshall J		
Joseph Downe J		
Dan <sup>r</sup> Farwell J		

Sam<sup>r</sup> Gibson Jr

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May. 3, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants as within directed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned . . . . Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Assembled on Monday May 3. 1813

The meeting being opened and warrant read

The Selectmen presided.

Voted that we send one Representative the year ensuing

The votes being call<sup>d</sup> for sorted & counted no one appeared to have more then all the rest.

Voted to Dissolve this meeting and it was declared Desolved by the Selectmen

John Willard	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[332] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon and (L S) notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of (L S) said Town qualified by law to vote in town af- (L S) fairs to meet and assemble at the towns Meeting (L S) house on Tuesday the twenty Eighth Instant at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

3 To see if the town will accept of the revision of the juror Box or act any thing thereon

4 To see if the town will fence the burying ground, given to the town by Jonas Marshall Jr or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

5 To see if the town will pay the expences of the law suit Jonas Marshall Jun<sup>r</sup> is engaged in, in behalf of Elias Carter or act anything thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals this seventh day of September AD 1813.

John Willard Jonas Marshall J Joseph Downe Jr Daniel Farwell J Samuel Gibson Jr	Selectmen
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Worcester fs. Fitchburg Sept<sup>t</sup> 28, 1813 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free-holders and inhabitants qualified as therein expresd, to to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

[333) At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Tuesday Sept<sup>t</sup> 28, 1813.

Voted & chose William Cunningham Jr Moderator

Voted to reject the description of a road laid out by the Selectmen beginning near Widow Pollys Garden down the sandhill near Jonas Marshall Jun<sup>r</sup>

Voted not to reject the description of a road laid out by the Selectmen beginning at the corner of M<sup>r</sup> David Boutells garden to the house where Joseph J Souther lives.

Voted to choose a Committee to confer with M<sup>r</sup> Boutell respecting the road & damages.

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Asa Perry, Col Leonard Burbank, Elias

Mefssenger, Paul Wetherbee, & Oliver Fox for the above committee & they make report at some future meeting.

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting the road laid out under Leitches hill (so call'd).

Voted That the road be accepted upon condition that it be made pafsable by the Voluntary contributions of Individuals, without expence to the town of makeing—which road is as follows (viz)

Road under Leitches hill

The following is a desercription of a road laid out by the Subscribers (viz) Beginning nigh the Widow Polleys garden and runs E 17. D. South 40 rods E. 34.'0. South 39 rods to the road leading from Ephraim Hartwells, to the County road, through Elnathan Polleys land, thence E. 41.'0. South 80 rods, thence south 32.'0. East 52. rods, thence south 25.'0, E 25½ rods, thence S. 17.'0. E 19. rods. S. 26.'0 E. 18 rods. South 5.0' East 24. rods, S 9.0' E. 52. rods. S 12.0' E 54 rods to George Wood Ju<sup>r</sup> the bounds are all on the westerly side of the road, and we assefs Damages as follows (viz).

Elnathan Polly . .	\$110.00	Sylvanus Lapham . .	\$43.00
Ephraim Hartwell & widow Hartwell . . . . .	56.00		
Dea. Joseph Tilden . .	83.00	Ephraim Kimball Jr . .	55.
Titus T. Barton . .	30.00	Timothy Garfield. . .	30.
George Wood J . .	25.00	total . .	\$432

Thence beginning at the corner of the wall on Jonas Marshall Jr land nigh the Town pound and runs East 37.0' South 44 rods, thence south 40.0' East 23. rods, the bounds are on the southerly side of the road, the above road is three rods wide

Fitchburg April 19, 1813.

John Willard	Selectmen
Jonas Marshall J	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Samuel Gibson J	
Daniel Farwell J	

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, a road laid out begining at the turnpike near Jonathan Whit-combs by Benj<sup>a</sup> Fullar provided the road be made free

from expence to the town & the land given the road as follows (viz)

[334] The following is a Description of the road laid out by the Subscribers (viz) beginning at the turnpike road near Mr Jonathan Whitecombs at a stake and stones and thence runs north twelve degrees east forty four rods to a stake and stones on said Whitcombs land thence North four degrees east one hundred & four rods to the road near Benjamin Fullars to a stake & stones, through land of the heirs of David Hodgkins, William Bacon and Benja Fullar, The road two rods wide, bounds on the westerly side of said road

1813. September 25.      Jonas Marshall Jr  
                                  Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
                                  Daniel Farwell Jr }

Voted to accept the revision of the juror Box as revised by the Selectmen

Voted to pafs over the fourth article in the warrant till March meeting

Voted to dismifs the fifth article in the warrant

Voted to disolve the meeting

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham J  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and (L. S.) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants. of (L. S.) said Town qualified by Law. to Vote in town affairs to meet and asemble at the towns meeting house on tuesday the twenty Sixth Instant Oct<sup>r</sup> at two oclock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will discontinue the road lately laid out by the selectmen and accepted by the town leading from George Wood Jr to Elnathan Pollys garden, round leitches hill.

3 To see if the town will accept of any road laid out by the selectmen or their order.

4 To see if the town will raise a sum of money to Defray the expences of the town.

Given under our hands and seals this Eighth day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1813

fail not and make return of your doings to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Jonas Marshall J}  
Joseph Down J } Selectmen  
Daniel Farwell J }

Fitchburg October 8, 1813

Worcester fs Fitchburg Oct<sup>r</sup> 26, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable of Fitehg

[335] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchbg afsembled on tuesday October 26, 1813.

Voted & Chose William Cunningham Jr Moderator.

Motioned & seconded to discontinue the road lately laid out by the selectmen and accepted by the town Sept<sup>r</sup> 28, 1813 from Geo Wood Jr to Elnathan Pollys Garden the motion being put it pasd in the negative.

Voted that a committee be chosen to view particularly the rout described in the report of the selectmen respecting the road from land of Benjamin Blanys. to the Calvinistic Meeting house, & to view also, any other rout from the south part of the town to or near the said Meeting house and report at some future Meeting their opinion of the most eligable course for a road in that direction

Voted that the committee consist of Seven and serve without pay

Voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> Turner, Jonas Marshall J. Joseph Downe J. Joseph Farwell, Levi Farwell, Oliver Fox & Joseph Simonds

Voted that the road laid out by the Selectmen near

David Boutells to where Joseph J. Souther lives, that the road be accepted upon condition that the making of the road fit for travel be done at the expence of individuals and not at the charge of the town. The opening of the road to be delayed for the accomodation of M<sup>r</sup> D. Boutell thirty days, labor not excluded. The road is as follows (viz)

Road from David Boutells Garden to J. J. Southens.

120\$ The following is a description of the road laid out by the Subscribers (viz) beginning at a stake & stones Nigh the north west corner of David Boutells Garden and runs north twenty four & half degrees east Sixty four rods to a stake and stones by the road nigh the house that Joseph J. Souther occupies the road is on said Boutells land, the road two rods wide and on the Northwest side of the bounds and we afsefs damages at one hundred & twenty Dollars.

John Willard  
Jonas Marshall J } Selectmen  
Joseph Downe J }  
Dan<sup>r</sup>. Farwell J }

Fitchburg September 25. 1813.

500\$ Voted to raise five hundred Dollars for the ex-pences of the town

Voted to Defsolve this meeting.

William Cunningham J Mod.  
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[336] To Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) comonwealth of Maſſachusetts, to sumons and  
(L S) notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of  
(L S) Fitchburg qualified by law, to vote in Town meet-  
(L S) ings (viz) having resided in Town one year preced-  
ing the Seventh day of march next, to assemble at their  
meeting house on Monday the Seventh day of march next  
at nine O.Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following  
articles — (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> to Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> to Chuse a Clerk, Treasurer, and all other Town

officers agreeable to law, & act any thing in regard to Chusing Collectors, the Town may think proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To Se what sum, or Sums, of money the Town will raise to repair their high ways & Bridges, the year ensuing or act any thing there on. . . . .

4<sup>th</sup> To See what sum, or Sums, of money the Town will raise for Schooling the year ensuing and act any thing in regard to laying out said money they may think proper . . . . .

5<sup>th</sup> To see what sum, or Sums, of money the Town will raise to defray the Towns, nescessary, expences the year ensuing . . . . .

6<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will chuse a Committee to Settle with their Treasuer. . . . .

7<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will prosecute the Sute Elias Carter against Eben<sup>r</sup> W Baley, or act any thing respecting the sute as they may think proper . . . . .

8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at large the Year ensuing under the regulations of the law

9<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will chuse an agent to prosecute their Sute against Harvard or act any thing there on.

10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow Joseph Tilden, what he had to allow John Willard, for takeing Elnithan Polly,s Tax bill to collect.

11<sup>th</sup> To see what Sum, or Sums of money the Town will raise to hire preaching or act any thing respecting raiising money as they may think proper.

12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to Supply the pulpit the year ensuing or act any thing thereon

13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will give a bounty on Crows or act any thing there on.

14<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will allow any accounts that Shall be laid before them.

Carried up—

[337] article 15<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will raise Some money to pay for a Singing School, or act any thing there on they may think proper.

16<sup>th</sup> To Se if the Town will chuse one or more agents

to make writeings with the Town of Gardner respecting Oliver Uptons Support.

Hereof, fail not, to make return of this warrent with your doings thereon to some one of us, on, or before Said day & time above mentioned

given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of February AD 1814.

John Willard                      Selectmen  
Jonas Marshall Jr } of  
Joseph Downe Jr }  
Daniel Farwell Jr } Fitchburg

Worcester, S.s. Fitchburg March 7<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Pursuant to the within warrent I have sumoned & notified the free holders & other Inhabitants qualified as therein Express'd to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned. Oliver Fox, Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of march 1814,

Voted & Chose William Cunningham, Jr Esqr Moderator.

Prayres by the Rev. Mr. Wood.

Voted & Chose Jonathan Haskell Sworn Town Clerk.

Voted & Chose Joseph Simonds Sworn Town Treasuer.

Voted, & Chose five Selectmen for the Year ensuing.

Voted & Chose Joseph Simonds, Sworn Timo. F Downe, Sworn Isaiah Putnam, Sworn Phillip F Cowdin Sworn, & Jonathan Thurston, Sworn Selectmen.

Voted & Chose Joseph Simonds, Timo. F Downe, & Isaiah Putnam Asesors. . . . . Sworn.

Voted & Chose Thomas Sworn Eaton, Samuel Sworn Phillips, Abijah Goodridge, Sam<sup>l</sup> Sworn Hale, Joseph Sworn Carter, John Sworn Andrews, Amos Putnam, Jacob McIntire, Jabez Sworn Fairbanks, John Sworn Willard, Simon Marshall, Calvin Mefenger, Thomas Sworn Harrifs, Abel Farwell, David Sworn Baldwin, Amos Sworn Wheeler J, Reuben Smith 2<sup>d</sup> & Thadeus Gray — Highway — Surveyors.

Sworn mark Voted & Chose, Thomas. Damon, John s Allen, W<sup>m</sup> s. Johnson, Sam<sup>l</sup> s. Hawes, John Eaton, Phinehas.

Sawyer, Jos. s. Cowdin, Jos. s. Heywood, Thomas s Sweetser, Jacob s. Jaquith Jr. Benj<sup>a</sup> s. Wheeler, Jos. Lowe, s. William s. Carlton, & Stephen Adams,—Hog. Reaves. & Moses Cooper like wise.

proceedings Carried forward. . . . .

[338] <sup>s.</sup>sworn mark. Voted & Chose Joseph s. Downe Jr & Nathan s. Ordway, Cullers of Staves.

Voted & Chose Thomas Eaton, Joseph Farwell and Daniel Mayo Fire wards.

Voted & Chose Daniel s. Farwell Jr. & James s. Cowdin—Field drivers

Voted & Chose Thomas Eaton—Pound keeper

Voted & Chose Seth Phillips, Thomas Thurston, Jonathan Thurston, & Levi Davis—Titheing men.

Voted & Chose John s. Willard, & Jonas s. Marshall Jr. Survey<sup>t</sup> Lumber

Voted & Chose Phinehas s. Allen, Sam<sup>l</sup> s. Gibson Jr Elijah McIntire Jun . . . . . Fence Vewers

Voted & Chose Jon<sup>a</sup> Haskell, Amos Pierce, Elijah Brown, Sam<sup>l</sup> Taylor, Benjamin Fuller, Aaron Eaton, Thomas Carter, Daniel Flint, Joel Page, Jos. Richardson John Andrews, Joseph Upton, William Cunningham Jr Esqr & Doct Abel Fox,—School Committee.

Voted & Chose Levi Davis & William Carlton—Saxtons

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out The collection of Taxes.

\$800. Voted to raise Eight hundred hundred dollars for The repairing of highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

\$900. Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Voted that eight hundred & fifty dollars be devided according to the number of Schollars in each District, & that fifty dollars be devided amongst the most needy districts according to the diseresion of the Selectmen.

Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article. in the warrent

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three to Settle with their Treasuer. Chose Doct Peter Snow, Oliver Fox, & W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham, Esq

7<sup>th</sup> Article Voted to Chuse a Committe of five. on this

article with instructions to make due enquires into the merits of the case and to prosecute the same if they find encouragement.

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr, William Cunningham Jr Esqr John Shepley, Oliver Fox, & Doct. Peter Snow, Committee  
Voted to ad four, to this Committee.

Chose, Joseph Richardson, Dea. Samuel Gibson, Asa Perry, & Calvin Willard Esqr.

Voted to pafs over the 8<sup>th</sup> article. in the warrent

9<sup>th</sup> article Voted & Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Agent to prosecute the Sute against the Town of Harvard.

Voted to pafs over the 10<sup>th</sup> article in the warrent

Voted to pafs over the 11<sup>th</sup> article in the warrent

Voted to pafs over the 12<sup>th</sup> article in the warrent

Voted to pafs over the 13<sup>th</sup> article in the warrent.

Voted to allow accompts against the Town, presented by John Willard, Joseph Downe, Jr Daniel Farwell, Jr & Jonas Marshall, Jr.

[339] Voted to raise fifty dollars for the exspences of the Singing School, under the 15<sup>th</sup> article.

16<sup>th</sup> arti<sup>c</sup> Voted to chuse one or more Agents to enter into writeings with the Town of Gardner, respecting the Support of Oliver Upton, voted to chuse a committee of three.

Voted & chose William Cunningham, Jr Esqr Calvin Willard, and Jonas Marshall, Jr Committee

Voted. to adjourn this meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> monday in April next at one O.Clock P. M.

The Selectmen, provided, to let out the collection of Taxes, & the Poor, at the lowest bider at Isaiah Putnams, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1814 at 7. o'clock P. M. put up the collection of Taxes, of the South side of the Town bid off to Timothy Garfield at two dollars on the hundred = \$2.00 North side bid off, to Reuben Billings at \$2.00

per hundred . . . . . = 2.00

The persons who may bid off the Poor, are to take them for one year, & comfortably to Board, lodge, & provide for them while in their usual health, allowance to be made them for exspences of Sicknes, and to be entitlled to Such Services as they may be able to perform

Ephraim Smith, bid off to Benja Fuller, at 90 <sup>c</sup> per week . . . . .	\$0.90
Samuel French, bid off to David Baldwin, for whom, said Baldwin, is to give one Cent per week . . . . .	0.01
Mary Wares, bid off to Abial Holt, at 60 Cts per week . . . . .	0.60
Rebecca Smith, bid off, to Jos. Carter at 20 cts per week . . . . .	0.20
Jonas Spaldwin, bid off, to Jon <sup>a</sup> Wheeler at 70 Cts per. week. . . . .	0.70
Oliver Upton, bid off, to Joseph Phelps at 85 Cts. per, week . . . . .	0.85
Putnam Perley, bid off, to Jon <sup>a</sup> Thurston, for whom, Said Thurston, is to give five Cents per week, and is not at liberty to dispose of him to any other person . . . . .	0.05 <sup>c</sup>

April 4<sup>th</sup> The Town met according to adjournment.

Voted to accept of the report of the Committee, Chosen  
to Settle with their Treasuer for the year Eighteen hundred  
& thirteen

The Committee Chosen by the Town at march meet-  
ing to Settle with the Treasuer have attended to that  
duty & report as follows. viz.

The Town Treasuer, Dr

To Cash receiv <sup>d</sup> of Abial Holt being a compleation of his Collection for the year 1811 . . . .	\$123.83
To Cash received of Joseph Carter being a bal- ance due on his collection of Taxes for the year 1811. . . . .	174.38
To Cash received of Oliver Fox Collector for the year 1812 . . . . .	554.76
To Cash receiv <sup>d</sup> of Zacheriah Sheldon Jr Collector for 1812 . . . . .	512.70
To Cash receiv <sup>d</sup> of Sundry persons Exempted from Military duty . . . . .	8.00
To Cash receiv <sup>d</sup> of the Selectmen paid them by Cyrus Winship For the Support of Jonas Spaldwin . . . . .	36.03

To Cash recev'd of the Selectmen on another acc,t	3.00
To Cash recev'd of Timo. Garfield Collector for	
1813. . . . .	<u>774.96</u>
	<u>2187.66</u>

Amount carried forward—

[340] Treasuer accounts brot forward—Dr \$2187.66

Credit=

By a balance due the Treasuer on Settlement March 15 <sup>th</sup> 1813 . . . . .	\$6.00
By Cash paid by him in orders which we have Examined and & compaired with the Registry of them on the Selectmens Book . . . . .	2147.33
By allowance for his Services the year past . .	12.00
By Cash in the Treasuers hands . . . . .	<u>21.53</u>
	<u>\$2187.66</u>

~~Eror in Footing~~

Of, the Taxes afsesed in the Years 1812 & 1813 there are unaccounted for by Oliver Fox . .	\$100.35
And by Zacheriah Sheldon Jr another Collector for the Same Years . . . . .	84.10
And by Timo. Garfield Collector for 1813 . . .	1222.81
Peter Snow W <sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr Oliver Fox.	} Committee

\$600. Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray  
the Exspences of the Town the Year ensuing.

Voted to excuse Abijah Goodridge, serving as highway  
Surveyor, Chose Asa Perry in his room.

Voted to excuse Reuben Smith Jr serving as, highway  
Surveyor & Chose Zacheriah Sheldon

\$100. Voted to ad one hundred dollars to the Sum  
raised at March meeting, for the exspences of highways  
&c the year ensuing

Voted & Chose Timo. Sworn Garfield & Reuben Sworn  
Billings Collectors of Taxes the year ensuing, Reuben  
Billings Offered as Bondsmen, Dea. Jacob Jaquith & Daniel  
Farwell Jr, Timo. Garfield, Edward Durant & Joseph  
Carter—Who were Exscepted by the Town.

Voted & Chose Timothy Garfield & Reuben Billings  
Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

William Cunningham Jr Mod:  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Haskell, Town Clerk

[341] 1814 To Capt Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to warn the mail Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor and those who are qualified to vote for Senetors & Councilors, to meet at the Towns meeting house on monday the fourth day of April next, at two of the clock, P. M. to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, & Councilors agreeably to the Constitution, of said Comonwealth.— given under our hands & Seals at Said Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March AD 1814

Joseph Simonds Timo. F Downe. Isaiah Putnam Phillip F Cowdin Jon <sup>a</sup> Thurston	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester, fs. April 4<sup>th</sup> 1814 pursuant to the within warrent, I have notafied and warned the mail Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified as theren expres<sup>d</sup> to meet and assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned . . . .

Oliver Fox, Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled on Monday the fourth day of April 1814 to vote for Governor Lieut Governor, Senators & Councilors, The meeting being opened, votes, for the following persons, were given in, Sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as follows,—viz . . . .

For Governor.	{	His Ex. Caleb Strong . . . . .	145
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Hon. Samuel Dexter . . . . .	149
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Road laid out over the Factory Dam May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814 . .

The following is a discription of a road laid out by the Subscribers for the use of the Town, as follows, (viz) begining at a Stake & Stones on the west side of the Town road a little distancee north of Jonas. L. Bettefs, thence north  $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East Sixty rods to an oak Tree,—thence north  $7^{\circ}$  west Six rods to a pitch pine tree,—thence north  $27^{\circ}$  west thirty Six rods to a beach tree, thence north  $10^{\circ}$  west twenty rods to a Stake & Stones,—thence north  $38^{\circ}$  west twenty-three rods to the Factory Dam, thence northwardly on Said Dam twenty-five rods to a Stake & Stones—thence East  $35^{\circ}$  north eighteen rods to the Comon, said road two rods wide untill it touches the Factory Dam, from thence to the comon one & a half rods wide and to lie on the east Side of Said Courses.

Damages aſſesed to Benjamin Blany . . . . .	\$5.00
“ To Ephraim Kimball J . . . .	100.00
To the Fitchburg C. M. Corporation, they not being at the exspence of moveing their Barn	30.00
To Doct. Peter Snow. he improving to the first of November next . . . . .	75.00
To the owners of the Land lately belonging to the Calvinistic, Congragational, Society . . .	30.00

The above damages to be paid on or before the first day of march next . . . Joseph Simonds  
 Timo. F Downe      }  
 Isaiah Putnam      } Selectmen  
 Phillip F. Cowdin    }

Fitchburg May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814.

Receiv<sup>d</sup> & Recorded May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814.

Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk

[343] Road laid out from Jonas Marshall Jr to Seth Phillips Bridge

The following is a description of a road laid out by the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg for the use and benefit of Said Town, (viz) begining at a heap of Stones near the Brook by Jonas Marshall Jr and runs west 37° South 54 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence South 34° west 20 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence South 10° west 20 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence South 45° west 20 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 35° South 111 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 40° South 37 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 26° South 12 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 14° South 24 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 34° South 16 rods, to a Stake & Stones, thence west 30° South 14 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 7° South nine rods to a Stake & Stones, Thence west 8° north 17 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 13° South 36 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 36° South 44 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 15° South 22 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 40° South 20 Rods to a Stake & Stones, thence South 39° west 32 rods, to an oak tree, thence South 7° west 12 rods to a Chesnutt Tree, thence west 30° north 40 rods to a Chesnutt tree, thence west 46° north 57 rods to the Town road near the Bridge by Seth Phillip,s, the above road to lie on the north side of said Bounds, the road to be two rods wide, Said road runing through Lands owned by Jonas Marshall Jr. no damages to pay provided, the Town discontinue the old road through his Land which leads by, where, Aaron Darby lately lived— also through land owned by the Fitchburg. C. M. Corporation no damages—also throug

land owned by Verin Daniels no damages—also through land assigned as dower to the widow Lucy Eaton damages . . . . . \$20.00 also through Land owned by Robert Sampson, the Town to make a fence on one side of the road—also through land owned by Joshua Phillips. damages Fifty dollars . \$50.00

Fitchburg May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814.

Timothy F. Downe }  
Isaiah Putnam } Selectmen  
Phillip. F. Cowdin }

Receiv<sup>d</sup> & Recorded May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814.

Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk.

[344] Road near Benj<sup>a</sup>. Kemps.

The following is a description of a private way laid laid out by the Subscribers for the use of Benjamin Kemp & others, as follows, (viz) begining at a Stake & Stones on the west side of the Town road near Joel Eatons, thence west 41° north 32 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence north 5° west 6 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 17° west 7½ rods to a Stake & Stones thence west 40° north 6 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 9° west 20 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 33° west 26 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 4° west 18 rods, thence north 44° west, 32 rods to a Stake & Stones, Said way to be one and a half rods wide, and to lie on the east Side of said Courses. dated at Fitchburg 23 day of april 1814

Timothy. F. Downe }  
Isaiah Putnam } Selectmen  
Phillip F. Cowdin }

Receiv<sup>d</sup> & recorded May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814

Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk.

To Timothy Garfield one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) Comonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notafy and  
(L S) warn the mail Inhabitants of the said Town being  
(L S) twenty one years of age, and resident in Said  
(L S) Town for the space of one year next preceding,  
haveing a free hold Estate within Said Town, of

the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of Two hundred dollars, to meet at the Towns meeting house on monday the 2<sup>d</sup> day of May next at two of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of Chuseing one or more Repräsentitives to represent them at the general Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next . . . .

hereof fail not and make due returns of this Warrent with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned . . . .

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg the twelvth day of April AD 1814

Joseph Simonds	}	Selectmen
Timothy F Downe		Fitchburg
Jon <sup>a</sup> Thurston		

Fitchburg May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814 Pursuant to the within warrent I have notified and warned the maile inhabitants of Said Town qualified as there in exspresed, to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned

Timo. Garfield—Constable

[345] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on monday May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814.

The meeting being opened & the warrent read, the Selectmen proceded . . . .

Voted not to send a Repräsentitive the present year.

Voted that the meeting be disolved.

Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk

To Timothy Garfield one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the  
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn  
 (L S) the free holders and other Inhabitants of said  
 (L S) Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to  
 (L S) meet and assemble at Said Towns meeting house  
 (L S) on monday the 2<sup>d</sup> day of may next at four of the  
 Clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to govern Said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will except of any Roads laid out by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon.

3<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will purchase of its Proprietors, the meeting house in which the late Calvinistic, Congragational Society in this place used to convene, and convert the Same into a Town Hall, & an Academy.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Petition the general Court for such grants as has been usualy made for the encouragement and endowment of Academies—and whether they will appoint an Agent to present & Support the Same.

hereof fail not and make due returns of this Warrent with your doings there on to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals the twelvth day of April AD 1814 . . . . .

Joseph Simonds	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Timothy. F. Downe	
Isaiah Putnam	
Philip. F. Cowdin	
Jon <sup>a</sup> Thurston.	

Fitchburg May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814.

Pursuant to the within Warrent I have notified & warned the mail Inhabitants of Said Town qualified as the Law directs to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Timothy Garfield, Cons

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled May 2<sup>d</sup> 1814 . . . . .

Voted & Chose, Joseph Simonds Moderator.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk

[346] To Timothy Garfield one of the Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to sumons &  
(L S) notify the free holders and other inhabitants of  
(L S) Said Town qualified by law to vote in Town

meetings, to assemble at the Towns meeting house on thursday the twenty six day of May Instant at three of the Oclock P. M. to act on the following articles 1<sup>st</sup> viz.

1<sup>st</sup> to Chuse a Moderator to govern Said Meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To Se if the Town will autherize Jonas Marshall Jr to Refer the Action — Elias Carter against Eber. W. Baley or act any thing thereon.

3<sup>d</sup> To if the Town will make Dea. Joseph Tilden any additional allowance for damages of the new road, through his Land, or act any thing there on.

4. To See if the Town will accept of a Bridle road lately laid out by the Selectmen, for the Accomodation of Benjamin Kemp & others or act any thing there on.

given under our hands & Seals this ninth day of May  
AD 1814.

Joseph Simonds  
Timo. F. Downe. } Selectmen  
Isaiah Putnam }

1814 May 26. agreeable to the within Warrent. I have Notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quilfied by law to vote in Town meeting at time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.

Timothy Garfield Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled the 26 day of May 1814. the meeting being opened.

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & Chose Edward Durant Esqr Moderator.

2<sup>d</sup> Voted that the Town give Jonas Marshall Jr. power to Refer the Case now in Court Elias Carter. against Eber. W. Baly as he may think proper . . . .

3<sup>d</sup> Voted to allow Dea. Joseph Tilden Seventeen dollars in addition to what the Selectmen apprised the damages, for the new Road being laid out through his land, which together with the addition amounts to one hundred dollars — which sum Dea. Joseph Tilden agreed to accept.

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the report of a Bridle Road lately laid out by the Selectmen for the accomodation of Benjamin Kemp & others the Road to be made without any Expence to the Town for damages.

5<sup>th</sup> Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Edward Durant, Modr.

Jonathan Haskell Town, Cler.

[347] Worcester, fs. To either of Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and  
(L S) warn, the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
(L S) Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote for  
(L S) Reprasentitive in the State Legislature, to meet &  
(L S) afsemble at the Towns meeting house, on monday  
the Seventh day of November next at one of the Clock  
P. M. for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Repra-  
sentitive for the Worcester north district for the four-  
teenth Congress of the United States.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrent  
with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before  
the day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals this Seventeenth day  
of October AD 1814

Joseph Simonds. Timo. F Downe Isaiah. Putnam Philip. F. Cowdin Jon <sup>a</sup> Thurston.	<p>Selectmen of Fitchburg</p>
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Agreeable to the within warent, I have notified and  
warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified as  
within discribed to meet at the time & place and for the  
purposes within mentioned

Timothy Garfield Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Fitchburg, afsembled on monday the Seventh day of No-  
vember AD 1814 it being the first monday of Said month,  
for the purpose of chuseing a Reprasentitive (for the  
worcester north district, of the Commonwealth of Mafsa-  
chusetts) to Reprasent them in the fourteenth Congress of  
the United States.

Votes for the following Persons were given in, Sorted,

Counted, & declaration thereof made as by law in District to wit.

for Hon. Solomon Strong one hundred & ten . . . . 110  
for Edmund Cushing Esqr fifty two . . . . . 52

Joseph Simonds	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Timo. F. Downe		
Isaiah Putnam.		
Phillip. F. Cowdin.		

Jona Thurston.

Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler.

[348] 1814 Nov. 3<sup>d</sup> This may Certify, that we the Subscribers, this day perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds between the Town of Fitchburg & the Town of Leominster agreeable to a law of this Common wealth in the presence of Rufus Kendall & Abel Carter, Selectmen of Leominster      Timothy. F. Downe } Selectmen of  
Isaiah Putnam      } Fitchburg

1814 Nov. 8. We the Subscribers two of the Selectmen of Fitchburg & two of the Selectmen of Ashburnham, this day perambulated the lines between the two Towns, & renewed the bounds according to law.

Timothy. F. Downe	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Phillip. F. Cowdin		
Elisha White.		

William. J. Lawrence } Selectmen of  
Ashburnham

1814 Nov. 9. We, The Subscribers of the Town of Fitchburg and Ashby this day perambulated the lines between Said Towns and renewed the bounds, according to law.

Timothy. F. Downe	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Phillip. F. Cowdin		
Cushing Burr.		

Oliver Kendall. } Selectmen of  
Ashby

1814 Nov 10 This may Certify that we the Subscribers have this day perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds betwen the Town of Lunenburg & the Town of

Fitchburg agreeable to a law of the Commonwealth  
passed March 23<sup>d</sup> 1786 Esek Whiteing } Selectmen of  
Thomas Stearns } Lunenburg.

Timothy F Downe } Selectmen of  
Phillip F. Cowdin } Fitchburg

1814 Nov 12 This is to Certify that we the Subscribers  
have this day perambulated the lines & renewed the  
bounds, between the Towns of Fitchburg & westminster  
agreeable to law of this commonwealth passed march 23<sup>d</sup>  
1786.

Timo. F Downe } Selectmen of  
Phillip. F. Cowdin } Fitchburg  
Joel Whitney } Selectmen of  
Isaae Williams } Westminster.

the above Receiv<sup>d</sup> & Recorded Nov 24, 1814 by  
Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler

[349] Worcester ss To either of the Constables of  
the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and  
(L S) warn the free holders and other Male Ihabitants  
(L S) of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote  
(L S) in Town meetings, (viz) those above the age of  
(L S) twenty one Years, haveing resided in Town one  
Year next preceding the Sixth of March next, and liable  
to be Taxed, are qualified to Vote for Town officers; and  
those who have actualy been Taxed the Year preceding  
are qualified to vote in all Other Town affairs) to afsem-  
ble at the Towns Meeting house on monday the Sixth day  
of March next, at nine O.Clock A. M. to act on the fol-  
lowing articles, viz . . . . .

Art. 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> To chuse a Clerk, Treasuer, and all other  
Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing in re-  
gard to chusing collectors, the Town may think proper.

Art. 3. To See what Sum or Sums of money the  
Town will raise for the Support of Schools the year en-  
suing or act anything thereon in regard to laying out  
Said money they may think proper.

Art. 4. To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to repair the highways and Bridges the Year Ensuing or act anything thereon.

Art. 5. To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Expences the Year ensuing.

Art. 6. To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Settle with their Treasurer

Art. 7. To see if the Town will the Swine to run at large the Year ensuing under the regulation of the law.

Art. 8. To See what order the Town will take repecting a demand made on their Treasuer by the 12<sup>th</sup> School District, for the Sum of ninety dollars.

Art. 9 To See if the Town will make any alterations in any of the highway Districts or act anything there on

Art 10. To See if the Town will grant liberty to the first School District to Build a School house on the Common near the old School house, or act any thing there on

Art. 11 To See if the Town will pass a vote to restrain neat Cattle from going at large in the highways, the Year Ensuing.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warent with your doings thereon to Sum one of the Subscribers on, or before said Day & time afore mentioned.

Given, under our hands & Seals this Seventeenth day of Febr<sup>y</sup> AD 1815.

Joseph Simonds	}	Selectmen
Timo. F. Downe,		of
Jon <sup>a</sup> Thurston.	}	Fitchburg

[350] Worcester fs. By Virtue of the within Warent I have notified and Warned the free holders and other Inhabitants in the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to Vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned as the law directs . . . . . Timothy Garfield Cons!

Fitchburg March 6. 1815

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 6. day of March

AD 1815. the Meeting being opened Voted and Chose William Cunningham Jr Esq Moderator.

Prayrs made by the Rev Mr Eaton.

Voted and Chose Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk—<sup>Sworn</sup>

Jonas Marshall Jr Town Treasuer . . . <sup>Sworn</sup>

Voted & Chose Phillip. F. Cowdin, Ephraim Kimball Jr, Daniel Farwell Jr. Joseph Downe Jr and Levi Farwell, Selectmen . . . . . <sup>Sworn</sup>

Voted & Chose Phillip. F. Cowdin, Ephraim Kimball Jr and Levi Farwell Assesors . . . . . <sup>Sworn</sup>

Voted & Chose William Cunningham Jr Esq } over Seers  
                          Jonas Marshall Jr.                 } Poor  
                          Calvin Willard Esq                 }

Voted and Chose James <sup>s</sup> Cowdin, Benjamin <sup>s</sup> Flint, Joseph <sup>s</sup> Farwell, Phillip F. Cowdin, Payson <sup>s</sup> Williams, Amos Putnam J, Israel Wetherbee, Jeremiah <sup>s</sup> Kinsman, Luke <sup>s</sup> Wetherbee, Elnithan <sup>s</sup> Polly, Nahaman <sup>s</sup> Hastings, Joseph Lowe, Eleazar Sautle, Benjamin Sheldon, Ephraim <sup>s</sup> Hartwell Jr, Asa <sup>s</sup> Farwell, James <sup>s</sup> Kemp, & Thomas Hilton—Highway Survey<sup>s</sup>

Voted & Chose Natt <sup>s</sup> Cowdin, Arington Gibson, Jacob Stickney, Doct. Abel Fox, Jonathan <sup>s</sup> Flint Jr, Joseph <sup>s</sup> Gray, Eri Carlton, Thadeus Gray, Moses Hale, Samuel Wetherbee, Perley M<sup>c</sup>Intire, Elnithan Polly Jr, Abraham Bennett J. Stephen <sup>s</sup> Sylvester, Ephraim Osborn J. Rufus Pratt, Jonas. L. Bettiss—Hog Reeves

Voted & Chose Benjamin <sup>s</sup> Kemp & Joseph Downe J . . . . . Cullers of Staves

Voted and Chose, Joseph Farwell, Isaiah Putnam, Oliver Fox . . . . . Fire wards

Voted and Chose David <sup>s</sup> Bolton, John <sup>s</sup> Willard, . . . . . Field Drivers

Voted and Chose Jonas Marshall J . . . Pound Keeper

Voted & Chose David Boutell, Nehemiah <sup>sworn</sup> Giles, & Jonas <sup>sworn</sup> Marshall J, . . . . . Tithingmen

Voted & Chose John Willard, & Joseph Upton . . . . . Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and Chose Nathan <sup>s</sup> Ordway, Jabez <sup>s</sup> Sawyer, Payson <sup>s</sup> Williams . . . . . Fence Viewers

[351] Voted and Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Joshua

Goodridge, David Low, Ephraim Osborn, Jr Joseph Downe J. Josiah Hartwell, William Carter Josiah Brown, Abel Farwell, Samuel Phelps, Amos Lawrence Jr, William Cunningham Jr. . . . . . School Committee.

Appointment of Saxtons, refered to Selectmen. . . .

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the Collection of Taxes

\$900. Voted to raise nine hundred Dollars for the Support of Schools the Year Ensuing—and the money be devided among the several Districts, one half of it according to the number of Schollars in the District and the other half according to the valuation of each District.

Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars for the repairs of Highways & Bridges

Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> Article.

Voted & Chose Paul Wetherbee, William Cunningham, and Oliver Fox, Committee to Settle with the Treasuer.

Voted to pass over the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Articles in the warent.

Voted & Chose Jacob Jaquith, Jos. Richardson & Phillip. F. Cowdin Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> Article to Survey the road and report on the Same.

Voted to restrain the neat Cattle the Year Ensuing from going a Stray.

Voted to refer the 10<sup>th</sup> article to the Selectmen and that they report on the same at the adjournment

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> monday in April at one O.Clock in the after noon.

The Selectmen being a Committee to let out the Collection of Taxes met at Isaiah Putnams at 6. O.Clock

North Side of the Town bid of to Joseph Carter at per hundred . . . . . \$1.99

South Side bid of to Joseph Carter at . . . . 1.94

Towns Poor~~12~~ The over Seers of the Poor also met at the same place and let out the Poor as follows, viz.

Samuel Talor bid of .	Ephraim Smith at per week	\$1.00
Daniel Farwell Jr . .	Samuel French at Do	" .10 <sup>c</sup>
Aaron Eaton Do . .	Mary Wares at Do	" 1.06
George Wood Jr Do .	Rebecah Smith Do	" .20

Benjamin Fuller . . . Jonas Spauldwin	Do " . . .	.59
Joel Page Do . . . Oliver Upton	Do " . . .	.75

The above Poor to be Comfortably provided for, at the above prices while in Health, allowance to be made for the Exspences of Sicknes, and are to be kept one Year.

April. 3. The Town met agreeable to adjournment April 3<sup>d</sup> 1815.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen to Settle with their Treasuer

\$600. Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray the exspences of the Town the Year ensuing, agreeable to the 5<sup>th</sup> Ar. in Warent.

\$90.00 Voted that ninety dollars be paid over to the 12<sup>th</sup> School District agreeable to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ar in the warent.  
Carry<sup>d</sup> forward.

[352] Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen at the anual Meeting in March, for the purpose of makeing alterations in the highway Districts agreeable to the 9<sup>th</sup> article in the warent, and that a new district be formed. (for particulars See report of Committee)—on this page

Voted & Chose Samuel Phelps highway Surveyor for the new District.

Voted that the District No. 1. have leave to Erect a School House on the Common land, according to a verbal report of the Selectmen, as follows, that the Building Shall not extend north from the land of Geo. W. Chaplin above thirty feet, and be Set West on land of Robert Allens, and to be retained by the District so long as occupied for the use of a School House, upon Such a Consideration as Shall be agreed upon by the District and the Selectmen.

#### Report of Com<sup>e</sup> on New District April 3<sup>d</sup> 1815

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee at the anual March Meeting to Vew the Situation of the Inhabitants, and Roads, in the northardly part of the Town, have accordingly met & attended to the Buisness

and beg leave to report, that Amos Lawrence, Amos Lawrence Jr, Amasa Sylvester, John Andrews, Daniel Kinsman, Jeremiah Kinsman, Sam<sup>l</sup> Caswell, and Samuel Caswell Jr. be formed into a District, and the Said Inhabitants agree to take the Road, from Asby line (by Said Inhabitants) to the white oak tree, below Mr Samuel Phelps, together with the Road from the Said Lawrences, to Perl hill School House Jacob Jaquith  
 Phillip F. Cowdin } Committee  
 Joseph Richardson. }

Voted and Chose Joseph Carter Constable and Collector of Taxes for the presant year, presented as Bonds-men Joshua Phillips and Ephraim Hartwell Jr to the acceptance of the Town—Sworn into both offices.

Voted to reconsider the vote pased in March, on the 3<sup>d</sup> Art. for laying out the school money, and on Motion

Voted, that one hundred dollars of the money raised for for the Suport of Schools, be devided among the most needy Districts, according to the discretion of the Selectmen, and the remaining \$800. to be divided according to the number Scholars in each District.

Voted to Desolve the Meeting.

William Cunningham Jr Mod:  
 Jonathan Haskell Town Cler

NB.—Report of the Committee Chosen to Settle with their Treasuer on next Leaf . . . . .

[353] Road laid out by the Selectmen North part Town.

The following is a desription of a Road laid out by the Subscribers in the northerly part of the Town (viz), begining at the northeast of the new Road leading from the Meeting house to Ashby at a certain white oak tree, one rod east of Said tree, thence North 38° East 30 rods on Land of Samuel Phelps to a Stake and Stones, thence North 24° East 14 rods to a Stake and Stones on land of Dea. Jacob Jaquith, thence North 20. East 12 rods partly on Land of Jacob Jaquith and partly on Land of Samuel Phelps to a Stake and Stones.

We Estimate the Damages to Dea. Jacob Jaquith at

twelve dollars \$12.00 Said Road to be two rods wide, the Bounds are all on the East Side of Said Road.

Philip. F. Cowdin  
Ephraim Kimball Jr  
Daniel Farwell Jr  
Joseph Downe Jr  
Levi Farwell. } Selectmen  
of  
Fitchburg

Receiv<sup>d</sup> and recorded April 3<sup>d</sup> 1815

Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk.

Road laid out by the Selectmen through Land of David Boutell

The Subscribers haveing been requested by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, to lay out a Town road through land owned by David Boutell, have attended to that sevice in the following manner to wit, begining at a Stake and Stones near the N. W. corner of Said Boutells Garden, from thence running north twenty five degrees east, Sixty four and an half rods to a Stake and Stones at the road near the House occupied by Joseph. J. Souther, Said road is to be two rods wide, and lays on the westerly side of Said bounds, we have agreed with the said Boutell in the Sum of two hundred dollars as damage for Said road, the road to be made after the first day of September and opened the first day of November next at which time payment is to be made, and the old road Discontinued, west, of the new one.

Fitchburg April, 1<sup>st</sup> 1815

Phillip. F. Cowdin  
Ephraim Kimball Jr  
Daniel Farwell Jr  
Joseph Downe Jr  
Levi Farwell. } Selectmen  
of  
Fitchburg

Receiv<sup>d</sup> and recorded April 3, 1815

Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler

Road laid out by the request of Daniel M<sup>c</sup> Intire

The following is a description of a road laid out by the Subscribers at the request of Daniel McIntire, and bounded as follows (viz) begining at a Stake and Stones at the west Side of the road near the House of Jacob McIntire, from thence runs west 1° North on land of Jacob

McIntire's twenty Seven rods to a Stake and Stones on the line between the Said McIntires, the road to be one & a half rods wide, and lays on the north Side of Said Bounds, damage Estimated at thirty eight dollars

\$38.00

Phillip, F. Cowdin Ephraim Kimball Jr Daniel Farwell Jr Joseph Downe Jr Levi Farwell		Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Fitchburg April 1, 1815.

Recorded by Jon<sup>a</sup> Haskell Town Cler.

[354] Committee<sup>s</sup> Report of a Settlement with Town Treasuer April 3<sup>d</sup> 1815.

The Committee Chosen by the Town to Settle with their Treasuer report as follows, (viz)

To ballance in his hands on Settlement March 25, 1814 . . . . .	\$21.53
To Cash recev <sup>d</sup> at Sundry times of Oliver Fox in completion of his Collection for 1812 . . . . .	95.45
To Cash recev <sup>d</sup> of Zacher Sheldon Jr in Completion of his Collection of Taxes for 1812 . . . . .	82.10
To Cash of Timothy Garfield on acct <sup>t</sup> of his Col- lection of Taxes for the Year 1813 . . . . .	1093.77
To Do. of Reuben Billings for his Collection for the Year 1814 . . . . .	225.54
To Cash of S. Houghton for Exemtion from Mil- itary duty for 1814 . . . . .	2.00
To Cash Recv <sup>d</sup> of the Inhabitants of Harvard on <i>a/c</i> their note to the Town . . . . .	155.00
	<u>\$1675.39</u>

#### Credit

By payments made upon orders of the Selectmen, which we have carefully compared with the Book, & Exam <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	\$1659.83
By his allowance as Treasuer . . . . .	12
By Cash in full paid over to Jonas Marshall Jr his Succesor . . . . .	3.56
	<u>1675.39</u>

From the foregoing Statement it appears that there is due from Timo. Garfield on his Collection for the Year 1813 . . . . .	129.04
There is due on the Same from his collection for the Year 1814 . . . . .	771.90
There is due from Reuben Billings for his Collection for the Year 1814 . . . . .	502.15
Due from the Inhabitants of Harvard on their note to the Town, of April 25, 1814 Exclusive of Interest . . . . .	220.31

And in this state the Books & Vouchers, are transferred to Jonas Marshall Jr Treasurer of the Town chosen at their last meeting. Oliver Fox W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr } Committee Joseph Simonds—Ex Treasuer Jonas Marshall Jr Treasuer.

Recorded from the Committee's Report at April Meeting 1815. . . . Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk

[355] Worcester ss, To Either of the Constables of  
the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to warn the  
(L S) mail Inhabitants of the Said Town of Fitchburg  
(L S) of twenty one years of age and upwards haveing  
(L S) a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the  
(L S) anuel Income of three pounds or any Estate to  
the value of Sixty pounds, to meet and afsemble at the  
Meeting house in Said Fitchburg on Monday the third  
day of April next at two oelock in the afternoon to give  
in their votes for a Govenor, Leut Govenor, Senators &  
Councilors agreeable to the Constitution of Said Common-  
wealth. hereof fail not and make due return of this warent  
to some one of us on or before Said day. given under our  
hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg this fourteenth day of  
March AD 1815. Phillip F. Cowdin )

Phillip F. Cowdin  
Ephraim Kimball Jr  
Daniel Farwell Jr  
Joseph Downe Jr  
Levi Farwell. } Selectmen

Worcester fs. In Compliance with the within Warrent I have Notifyed and warned the Mail Inhabitants in Said Town of Fitchburg qualified as within exspressed to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Timothy Garfield, Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, holden on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1815 being the first monday in Said month, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Govenor, Lt Govenor, Senators & Councillors, the whole number of votes were given in, were Sorted, Counted and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons

for Govenor. His Ex.. Caleb Strong . . . . .	142
for Hon " Samuel Dexter . . . . .	136
Lent Govenor Hon. William Phillips . . . . .	142
" " Hon. William Gray . . . . .	136
for Senators & Councillors	
Hon. Silas Holman .	142
Benj <sup>a</sup> Adams . . . . .	141
Moses Smith . . . . .	141
Oliver Crosby Esqr .	141
Moses White . . . . .	135
Joseph Adams . . . . .	135
Edmund Cushing . .	135
Jonas Sebley . . . . .	135
Democratic Federal	
Phillip. F. Cowdin	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Daniel Farwell Jr	
Ephm Kimball Jr	
Levi Farwell.	
	Selectmen

Attest     Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk.

[356] Worcester fs. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and Warn the free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to Vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house on Monday the third day

of April at four OClock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz.

1. To Chuse a Moderator to Govern Said Meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To Se if the Town will accept of any road laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

3<sup>d</sup> To Se if the Town will empower the overseers of the Poor to commence any Suit against any Town respecting — Paupers

4<sup>th</sup> To Se if the Town will give leave to place any Stables on the Common, back of the Meeting House.

hereby fail not and make a return of this Warrent to some one of us on or before Said day. given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of March AD 1815.

Phillip. F. Cowdin	}	Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr		
Daniel Farwell Jr		
Ephraim Kimball Jr Levi Farwell.		

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within Warrent I have Notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to Vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at place and time and for the purposes within mentioned

Timothy Garfield Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg. Assembled April 3<sup>d</sup> 1815. the Meeting being opened Voted & Chose William Cunningham Jr. Modr

Art. 1 Voted to accept a report of the Selectmen of a road laid out by them Through land of David Boutells (as per record on this Book)

Art. 2 Voted accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen through land of Dea. Jacob Jaquith, provided the road be made free of exspence to the Town, and the damage of the Land not to exceed twelve dollars

Art. 3 Voted that the over Seers of the Poor may commence and Carry on to final Judgment and Execution, any Action or Suit, which they may think proper to bring Concerning any Pauper, whose case they may consider interesting to the Town.

Art. 4. Voted that a Committee be appointed to allot parts of the Common back of the Meeting house, should they Judge it expedient, for Stables to Stand upon, and that they let the privelages at public Auction to the highest bider, and make conveyance of the Same on Conditions conformable to the terms on which the Town have the right to the Land on—

Carry<sup>d</sup> up—

[357] Which the Meeting house Stands. Chose on the said Committee William Cunningham Jr, Joseph Simonds, Nehemiah Giles, Jonas Marshall Jr, Joseph Richardson, Daniel Farwell Jr, Edward Durant, Doct. Peter Snow, Martin Newton, & Asa Perry—Committee.—Voted to Delsolve the Meeting.

William Cunningham J Mod<sup>r</sup>

April 3<sup>d</sup> 1815. . . Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk

Bond—Jos. Upton & others

Know all Men by these presants that we Joseph Upton, Jonathan Thurston, Leonard Burbank, Calvin Mefessenger, Joseph Low, Thomas Litch, Benj<sup>a</sup> Wheeler, Simon Marshall, William Kilborn, Oliver Fox, Nahaman Hastings, Elias Mefsenger Amos Wheeler, Abel Thurston, all of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts are held and Stand firmly bound unto the Town of Fitchburg, in the Sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid to the Said Town of Fitchburg or their certain attorney; to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our Selves, our heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents: Sealed with our Seals. Dated the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April AD 1815. . . .

The Condition of this obligation is Such, that if the above bounden Josep Upton, Jonathan Thurston, Leonard Burbank, Calvin Mefsenger, Joseph Low, Thomas Litch Benjamin Wheeler, Simon Marshall, William Kilburn, Oliver Fox, Nahaman Hastings, Elias Mefsenger Amos Wheeler & Abel Thurston, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators do, and shall well & truly make or cause to be made, a good and paſſible Road in the course of nine months from the date of these presants, begining at or

near the north west Corner of Mr David Boutell,s Garden and runs northerly through Said Boutells Orchard to or near the House where Joseph. J. Souther now lives, to the acceptance of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, provided the laying out of Said road is accepted by the Town Fitchburg this day as laid out by the Selectmen, and the Selectmen neglect or refuse to examine Said road forty eight hours after being notified of the completion of it, then this Obligation is to be void otherways to remain in full force. Signed, Sealed and delivered in presance of us.

Thomas Cowdin {	Witness	Joseph Upton . . . . .	0
Isaiah Putnam }		Jona. Thurston . . . . .	0
		Leonard Burbank . . . . .	0
		Calvin Mefsenger . . . . .	0
		Joseph Lowe . . . . .	0
		Thomas Litch . : . . . .	0
		Benjamin Wheeler . . . . .	0
		Simon Marshall . . . . .	0
		William Kilborn . . . . .	0
		Oliver Fox . . . . .	0
		Nahaman Hastings . . . . .	0
		Elias Mefsenger . . . . .	0
		Amos Wheeler . . . . .	0
		Abel Thurston . . . . .	0
		Jon <sup>a</sup> Haskell Town Clerk	

A true copy

[358] Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the Mail Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of age, and resident in Said Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a free hold Estate within said Town of the anual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on thursday the the Eleventh day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choising one, or more Reprasentatives to represent them at

the General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

hereof fail not and make a return of this warent with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before Said day

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty fifth day of April AD 1815.

Phillip F Cowdin Ephraim Kimball J Daniel Farwell Jun <sup>r</sup> Joseph Downe Jun <sup>r</sup> Levi Farwell,	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within Warrent I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of Said Town qualified as therein exspressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Joseph Carter Constable.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Thursday the Eleventh day of May AD 1815. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representitives to represent them in the general Court to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday in of this present month, the Meeting being opened The Selectmen presided.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion<sup>d</sup> & Seconded Not to Send a Representitive, the motion being tried

Voted not to Send a Representitive.

3<sup>d</sup> Voted to disolve the meeting.

Jon<sup>a</sup> Haskell Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting. You are hereby required in (L S) the name of the common wealth of Mafsachusetts (L S) to notify and Warn the free holders, and other (L S) Inhabitants of Said Town qualified by law to vote (L S) in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meet- (L S) ingshouse on Thursday the Eleventh day of May (L S) next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz:

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.  
carried forward —

[359] 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept of any Roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will make any Compensation to the Soldiers Detached in the Year 1814—that is to say James Kemp, Andrew Poor, Levi Pratt, and Joel Eaton, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will raise any Sum, or Sums of money for necessary Exspences.

5<sup>th</sup> To see what method the Town will take respecting an order of Notice from the General Court to Shew cause if any they have why the prayr of the Petitioners in the Westerly part of Fitchburg to be incorporated into a new Town, should not be granted, or Act any thing thereon as they may think proper.

fail not and make a return of this Warent to some one of us on or before said day

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty fifth day of April AD 1815.

Phillip, F. Cowdin Ephraim Kimball Jun <sup>r</sup> Joseph Downe Jun <sup>r</sup> Daniel Farwell Jun <sup>r</sup> Levi Farwell.	<p>Selectmen of Fitchburg</p>
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Worcester fs. pursuant to the within warent I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Said Town, qualified as therein exspresed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within Mentioned.

Joseph Carter Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled May 11<sup>th</sup> 1815. The meeting being opened, voted and

Art<sup>1</sup> 1. Chose William Cunningham Esqr Moderator.

Art 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to pass over this article for the presant.

Art 3. Voted to make up the Wagers of the Soldiers who were Detached in 1814 to twelve dollars per month (viz) James Kemp, Andrew Poor, Levi Pratt and Joel Eaton.

Art—4. Voted to raise two hundred dollars, in addi-

tion to the sum raised in march, for the current expences of the Town . . . . . \$200.00

Art—5. Voted to choose an Agent to send to the General Court, to oppose the Petition of Jonas Smith and others for a new Town.

Voted and Chose John Shepley Esqr Agent.

Voted to allow him the same pay and Travel as are allowed to Representitives, voted to chuse a Committee of five to draft a Remonstrance and Confer with the Agent on the Subject.

Voted and Chose Doct. Peter Snow, Thomas Cowdin, Jonas Marshall Jr. Phillip. F. Cowdin, and Joseph Richardson—Committee.

Took up the 2<sup>d</sup> article in the warent, and Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out through Land of Jacob McIntire, by the request of Daniel McIntire, provided it be no expence to the Town.

Voted to pass over the report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by the Selectmen through land of Phinehas Hartwell, and Ephm Hartwell.

Voted to Disolve the meeting

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr Moderator

Attest

Jon<sup>a</sup> Haskell Town Clerk.

[360] Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter, Constable for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L. S.) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of (L. S.) the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote (L. S.) in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the (L. S.) meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the twenty eighth day of August instant at three O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To see what method the Town will take to settle the cost, that has arisen in the family of Jacob Fullam on account of having the smallpox, or act any thing respecting the business, as the Town may think proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To choose a Town clerk.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will erect, or cause to be erected, upon their common a Liberty pole, and choose any agent, or agents, to superintend such erection, or act any thing further on the subject, which the Town may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this twelfth day of August, A. D. 1815.

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen  
Daniel Farwell    } of  
Levi Farwell      } Fitchburg

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified, as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Joseph Carter, Constable.

A true copy, Atts

John Shepley, Town Clerk

[361] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled August 28<sup>th</sup> 1815.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Philip F. Cowdin, Moderator.

Voted to pass over the 2<sup>d</sup> article for the present.

3<sup>d</sup> Art. Voted and chose John Shepley Esq. Town Clerk.

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds Clerk pro. tem.

Voted to take up the second article.

Voted that the several bills for the expence incurred by Jacob Fullam's family be read before the Town.

Voted to choose a Committee to examine the aforesaid bills, and also to enquire into the circumstances of Jacob Fullam's property.

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Daniel Farwell and Joseph Downe Jr. for the aforesaid Committee.

Voted to add the remaining members of the board of Selectmen to said Committee.

Voted to give the above Committee discretionary powers respecting allowing the aforesaid bills, and with regard to prosecuting a suit at law for the recovery of any part of said expence.

4<sup>th</sup> art. Voted that Mr. Z. Shelden & others have liberty to erect a liberty pole at their own expence on or near the spot where the late pole stood.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Philip F. Cowdin, Moderator

Joseph Simonds, Clerk pro. tem.

A true copy, as received by,

John Shepley, Town Clerk

On the sixth day of September, 1815, and before the attestation before made by the said John Shepley, as Town Clerk, he, the said Shepley, was duly sworn before William Cunningham Jr. Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester, to the faithful and impartial discharge of the Office of Town Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg.      John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[362] The Subscribers, being a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, at the request of the Inhabitants of the northerly part of said Town, on the twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen, did lay out, and do hereby lay out a Town way, near the House of Abijah Hartwell, described as follows, viz. beginning at a chesnut tree near the brook, on land of Phinehas Hartwell, and runs South 17° west 51 rods to an angle; thence South 22° west 20 rods to an angle, thence South 20° west 8 rods to an angle, thence South 10° west 24 rods to the new road lately laid out round Litch's hill, so called; Said road is two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the west side thereof Phinehas and Ephraim Hartwell, being the owners of the land over which the road aforesaid runs, were duly notified, and attended us in the laying out of the same. And we estimate the damage to the said Phinehas at 50 dollars, and to the said Ephraim at \$25.00, which they do not agree to accept. All which is submitted for the acceptance and approval of the Town. Fitchburg November, 25, 1815.

Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen  
Daniel Farwell } of  
Joseph Downe Jr } Fitchburg

Rec'd and recorded, December 2<sup>d</sup> 1815. By

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

same Road accepted Apr. 6, 1818 see page 399

The Subscribers, being a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, at the request of certain Inhabitants of the northerly part of said Town, have laid out the following described road, as a Town way, viz, beginning at Ashby line, and runs South ten degrees west nineteen rods to an angle, thence South forty one rods, thence South five degrees east twenty two rods, thence South 5° west, 8 rods, thence South 12° west 20 rods, thence South thirty degrees west [363] 8 rods, thence South 23° west, 14 rods, thence South 14° west 16 rods, thence South 38° west 20 rods, thence South 36° west 13 rods, thence South 25° west, 14. rods. All the angles are bounded by stake and stones. The said road is two rods wide, and lays on the east side of the bounds above mentioned, being the same road, that is now trodden, except a short piecee, that runs over land of Mieah Shattuck. The damages arising from the laying out of said road to Mr. Shattuck we estimate at 5.00. Mr. Shattuck was duly notified, and was present, when we attended the businfs of laying out said road, and is not satisfied with the sum allowed him in damages. All which is Submitted to the Town for acceptance and approval.

Fitchburg, Nov. 29. 1815.

Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen  
Daniel Farwell } of  
Joseph Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

Reed and recorded December 2<sup>d</sup> 1815. by,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Accepted March 24<sup>th</sup> 1816 see page 374

The Subscribers, a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, at the request of Josiah and Benjamin Hartwell, this twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen, do lay out a Town and private way, for the use of the said Josiah and Benjamin, inhabitants of said Town, and for public convenience, of the description following, viz, beginning at a stake and stones near the house of the said Josiah and Benjamin, and runs east 45° south 116½ rods to an angle, thence east 40° south 18 rods to an angle, thence south

19° east 52 rods to the road near the House of Joshua Phillips. Said road is two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the east side thereof. We estimate the damage to Joshua and Samuel Phillips, owners of the land, over which the road above described runs, who were duly notified, and present at the location thereof, at 70.00 to the said Joshua, and \$60.00, to the said Samuel, which they are

[364] Decr 1815.

are unwilling to accept. All which is submitted for acceptance and approval.

Fitchburg, Nov. 25, 1815. Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen  
Joseph Downe Jr. } of  
Daniel Farwell } Fitchburg

Received and recorded December 2, 1815, by

John Shepley, Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter, Constable for the Town of Fitchburg, . . . . . Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L. S.) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of (L. S.) the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote (L. S.) in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town's meetinghouse on monday the fourth day of December next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.  
2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or their order.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will compensate Joseph Upton and Joseph Lowe for a road laid through their land.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will make any repairs, additions, or alterations, on, or in, their meetinghouse, or act any thing respecting such repairs, additions, or alterations, they may think proper.

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will make any additional compensation to the Rev. Titus T. Barton for a road laid through his land.

6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will fence their burying ground near Thomas Eaton's.

7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will sell their land, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this [365] Decr 1815.

thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1815.

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant to some of us on or before said day.

Philip F. Cowdin Ephm Kimball Jr. Joseph Downe Jr. Levi Farwell	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Fitchburg, December the 4<sup>th</sup> 1815.

Joseph Carter, Constable of Fitchburg.

A true copy, Attest,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and return thereon, assembled at the Town's Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the fourth day of December, 1815, at one of the clock in the after noon; the meeting is opened, and then,

Voted to choose a Moderator by nomination.

Chose Capt. Philip F. Cowdin, Moderator.

Voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen in favor of laying out a road from Ephraim Hartwell's to the new road by Litché's hill.

Voted to pass over the report of the Selectmen respecting laying out a road beginning at Ashby line.

Voted to pass over the report of the Selectmen respecting laying out a road at the request of Josiah and Benjamin Hartwell.

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant.

Voted to give the Rev<sup>d</sup> Titus T. Barton five Dollars for the purpose mentioned in the fifth article of the warrant.

Voted to pass over the sixth article in the warrant.

Voted not to sell the Town's land.

Voted to take into consideration the third article in the warrant.

[366] Dec<sup>r</sup> 1815. Voted to choose a Committee of five to take into consideration the subject mentioned in the third article of the warrant, and report at the next March meeting.

Chose Mr. Paul Wetherbee, Mr. Jonas Marshall Jr, Calvin Willard, Esquire, John Shepley, and Edward Durant, Esquire, for the above mentioned Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Isaiah Putnam, Freeholder in the  
Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the  
(L. S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
(L. S.) warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
(L. S.) the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote  
(L. S.) in the choice of Town Officers to assemble at the  
Town's Meetinghouse on monday the twelfth day of  
February next at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on  
the following articles viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Collector to finish the collection of  
taxes committed to Joseph Carter, or act any thing thereon.

3<sup>d</sup> To choose a Constable.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to  
some one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this  
twenty ninth day of January, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin	}	Selectmen
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball Jr.		
Joseph Downe Jr.		
Daniel Farwell		

In obedience to your command I have [367] notified and warned a meeting as within mentioned.

Isaiah Putnam.

A. true copy.

Attest, John Shepley Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg, pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon, assembled at the Town's meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the twelfth day of February, A. D. 1816, at two O'clock in the afternoon; the meeting is opened, and

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Voted, and chose by ballot, Mr. Thomas Cowdin, Moderator.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to authorize the Moderator to let out the Collection of the remaining taxes of the present year to the lowest bidder, on condition he shall give bonds to the acceptance of the Town.

The collection of the taxes was let to Samuel Parker at two dollars and ninety four cents on the hundred dollars, he being the lowest bidder.

Voted to accept Mr. Reuben Billings and Captain Philip F. Cowdin, as sureties for Mr. Samuel Parker.

Chose Mr. Samuel Parker, Collector of taxes, for the remainder of the present year, who was then sworn according to law.

Art. 3<sup>d</sup> Chose Mr. Samuel Parker, Constable, who declined serving, and was excused from serving.

Chose Mr. Timothy Garfield, Constable, who also declined serving, and was also excused.

Chose Mr. Samuel Houghton, Constable, who was sworn according to law.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[368] 1816. March Meeting.

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton, Constable for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg

qualified by law to vote in Town affairs and for Town Officers to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and act any thing in regard to choosing collectors, as the Town may think proper.
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum, or sums, of money the Town will raise to repair the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing, or act anything thereon.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum, or sums of money the Town will raise for schooling the year ensuing, and act anything in regard to laying out said money as they may think proper.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> To see what sum, or sums, of money the Town will raise to defray the necessary expences the year ensuing.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote, that the swine may run at large the ensuing year under the regulations of the law.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> To see, if the Town will give a bounty on Crows, or act any thing thereon.
  9. To see if the Town will provide themselves with a house to hold their Town meetings in, or act anything thereon.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will erect a wall nigh Aaron Houghton's, so as to prevent carriages from running off, or act anything thereon.
- [369] 1816. March Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will make any other settlement with Azariah Fuller, than their Committee has made for Nursing the family of J. Fullam, or act any thing thereon.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow any accounts, that shall be laid before them.
  13. To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the ensuing year.

14. To see if the Town will make any alteration in any school District.

15. To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball Jr.		
Joseph Downe Jr.		
Daniel Farwell		

Levi Farwell

Worcester fs. February 14, 1816. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs and for Town officers to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

The Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon assembled at the Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the fourth day of March, A. D. 1816, at nine O'clock in the forenoon: the meeting is opened, and on the . . . .

1<sup>st</sup> article. Chose William Cunningham Jr. Esq. Moderator.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> Chose John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Chose, Joseph Simonds, Town Treasurer.

Chose, Philip F. Cowdin,	}	Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr.,		
Peter Snow,		
Isaiah Putnam, and		

Timothy F. Downe

Chose, Peter Snow,	}	Afsefsors
Philip F. Cowdin,		
and Isaiah Putnam		

[370] Voted not to choose Overseers of the Poor the year ensuing.

- Chose Joshua Goodridge  
 Amos Pierce  
 Nat Cowdin  
 Thomas Cowdin  
 Elisha Carter  
 Joseph Haskell  
 Amos Lawrence Jr.  
 Levi Farwell  
 Moses Cooper  
 Eph<sup>m</sup> Gibson  
 for Highway Surveyors.
- Chose, David Whittemore  
 John Shepley  
 Lyman Garfield  
 John Kinsman  
 Phinehas Allen Jr.  
 Elnathan Polley  
 Noah Andrews  
 for Hogreeves.
- Chose Nathan Ordway  
 Joseph Downe Jr.  
 and Thomas Fuller } Cullers of Staves and hoops.
- Chose Timothy Garfield  
 Joseph Farwell  
 Thomas Eaton, and  
 Col<sup>n</sup> Leonard Burbank } for Firewards.
- Chose, Levi Farwell  
 Thomas Harris  
 Joel Page, and  
 Jonathan Whitecomb } Fielddrivers.
- Chose, Thomas Eaton, Poundkeeper.
- Voted, to choose twelve Tythingmen, one in each School District.
- [371] Chose, Joseph Farwell,  
 Phinehas Allen,  
 Jonathan Lowe,  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Whitecomb,  
 Dan<sup>l</sup> Farwell,  
 Seth Phillips,  
 Abel Thurston  
 Nathan Andrews  
 Daniel Harris Jr.  
 Joshua Stickney  
 Reuben Smith  
 Jacob Jaquith Jr.  
 Aaron Darby  
 Daniel Farwell, and  
 Ebenezer Hutchinson
- John Thurston 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Abel Thurston  
 John F. Gerald  
 Walter Johnson  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Phelps 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Simeon Gibson, and  
 Jacob Fullam
- Joshua Stickney,  
 Stephen Dole,  
 Abel Farwell,  
 Joseph Richardson  
 Amos Lawrence  
 and William Cunningham Jr.  
 for Tythingmen.

Chose Ephraim Osborn,	{ Jacob Stickney, and Zachariah Sheldon } Surveyors of Lumber.
Chose, Joseph Downe Jr.	{ John Willard, and Nehemiah Fuller } Fenceviewers.
Chose, John Farwell,	Joshua Stickney,
Marshall Hastings,	Stephen Dole,
Levi Farwell,	Ebenezer Thurston Jr.
Ephraim Osborn,	James Parkhurst,
Levi Pratt,	Ephraim Gibson,
Jabez Sawyer,	and Leonard Burbank, for School Committee.

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint one or more Sextons.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the new act lately passed respecting the collection of taxes, and report at the adjournment, including what discount should be allowed, if the new method should be adopted.

Art. 4. 900.00 Voted to raise for School money the sum of nine hundred Dollars; of which eight hundred dollars are to be apportioned among the respective Scoul Districts in proportion to the number of scholars; and one hundred Dollars at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty first day of March, 1816, at three O'clock in the afternoon at the Meetinghouse. John Shepley, Town Clerk.

On the said 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1816, before me, the said Town Clerk, the said Philip F. Cowdin, Joseph Downe Jr. Peter Snow, Isaiah Putnam, and Timothy F. Downe, took the oath by law required, to discharge the duties of the office of Selectmen. Also on the same day Philip F. Cowdin, Peter Snow, and Isaiah Putnam took the oath required by law to discharge the duties [372] of asseffors of the Town of Fitchburg.

Joshua Goodridge, Amos Pierce, Nat Cowdin, Thomas Cowdin, Elisha Carter, Joseph Haskell, Amos Lawrence, Jr. Levi Farwell, Moses Cooper, Ephraim Gibson, Nathan Andrews, Daniel Harris Jr., Jacob Jaquith Jr., and Daniel

Farwell were severally sworn by the Town Clerk as Highway Surveyors.

Samuel Phelps 2<sup>d</sup> was sworn as Hogreeve.

Joseph Downe Jr. and Thomas Fuller were sworn, as Cullers of hoops & staves

Joel Page and Jon<sup>a</sup> Whitecomb were sworn, as Field Drivers.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of march 1816, John Willard took the oath required by law to be taken by a fenceviewer, Before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L. S.) warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg (L. S.) qualified to vote for Representatives to assemble (L. S.) at the Meetinghouse on monday the fourth day of March next at two of the Clock, P. M. to act on the following articles, viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for County Register.

,Fail not, and make a return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball Jr. Levi Farwell Joseph Downe Jr. Daniel Farwell	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs. February, 14<sup>th</sup> 1816. In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg  
A true copy, Atts:                    John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[373] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives holden at said Fitchburg on monday the fourth day of March, 1816, at 2 O'clock P. M. The said Inhabitants brought in their votes for Register of Deeds, and the same being sorted and counted by William Cunningham Jr. and John Shepley, who were chosen to sort and count the votes, it appeared, that the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes were as follows, viz.

For Benjamin Kimball, Esq. Fifty three votes.

For Samuel Allen Esq. eight votes.

For Oliver Fiske Esqr. nine votes.

For James Willson of Worcester, fourteen votes.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Fitchburg, March 4, 1816. I certify, that John Shepley Esq. appeared before me, and took the oath required by Law to be taken by a Town Clerk.

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr. Jus. Pacis.

A true copy, Att<sup>s</sup>      John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Fitchburg, March 22<sup>d</sup> 1816. I hereby certify, that Joseph Simonds appeared before me, and was sworn to the true and faithful discharge of the trust of a Town Treasurer.

W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr. Jus. Pac.

A true copy, Att<sup>s</sup>      John Shepley, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified as expressed in the warrant for the meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, by adjournment from the fourth day of March instant, on the twenty first day of March 1816, at three O'clock P. M. the meeting is opened, and,

Art. 3. Highways &c \$00.00 Voted to raise eight hundred dollars for the repairing of the Highways and bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 5. Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant.

[374] 1816. March Meeting Voted, that Peter Snow, William Cunningham Jr. and Joseph Simonds be a Committee to Settle with the late Treasurer.

Art. 7. Voted to pass over the seventh article in the warrant.

Art. 8. Voted to pass over this article in the warrant.

Art. 9. Voted to choose a Committee of seven to take into consideration the ninth article in the warrant, and report at the adjournment.

Chose for said Committee Mefsr. Paul Weatherbee, Joseph Farwell, Jonas Marshall Jr., Daniel Farwell, Edward Durant, Levi Farwell, and Thomas Eaton.

Art. 10. Voted to choose a Committee of three to take the tenth article in the warrant into consideration and report at the adjournment.

Chose for said Committee Levi Farwell, Jonas Marshall Jr. and Paul Weatherbee.

Art. 11. Voted to pass over the eleventh article.

Art. 12. Voted to choose a Committee of three to take this article into consideration and report at the adjournment.

Chose for said Committee Paul Weatherbee, William Cunningham, and John Shepley.

Art. 13. Voted to restrain neat cattle from going at large.

Art. 14. Voted to pass over the fourteenth article in the warrant.

Art. 15. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen for laying out the road beginning at Ashby line, according to the report of the Selectmen dated Nov<sup>t</sup> 29, 1815, and recorded Dec<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1815.

Art 2<sup>d</sup>. The Selectmen report, that it will be most for the interest of the Town to collect the taxes in the usual manner.

Voted to accept this report of the Selectmen.

The collection of taxes for the ensuing year is set up by the Selectmen to be taken by the lowest bidder on condition he procure good and sufficient bonds.

[375] The collection of taxes is bid off by Samuel Parker at one dollar and ninety nine cents on the hundred dollars.

Art. 3<sup>d</sup> Highways. Voted to take into consideration the third article in the warrant.

200.00. Voted to add two hundred dollars to the sum already raised for the repair of Highways and bridges.

Voted that the price of labor on the highways be twelve and an half cents per hour.

100.00. Voted to add one hundred dollars more to the sumis already raised for the repair of Highways and bridges.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April 1816, at two O'clock, P. M.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

#### 1816. April meeting Warrant

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and  
(L. S.) warn the male Inhabitants of said Town of  
(L. S.) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up-  
(L. S.) wards having a freehold estate within the Com-  
(L. S.) monwealth of the annual income of ten dollars  
or any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars, to  
meet at the meetinghouse on monday the first day of  
April next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to give  
in their votes for Governor, Lieutent Governor, and Sena-  
tors and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of  
said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg  
this fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin Peter Snow Isaiah Putnam Joseph Downe Jr Timothy F. Downe	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs. April 1. 1816. In obedience to the  
within warrant, I have notified, as the law directs, all  
the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, twenty  
one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate  
within the Commonwealth of the annual income of ten

dollars, or any estate of the value of two hundred dollars, to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Attest,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[376] 1816. Apr<sup>l</sup> meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, holden on the first day of April, being the first monday in said month, in the year of our Lord, 1816, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons, viz:

For Governor,	
For Gen <sup>l</sup> John Brooks, of Medford, . . . . .	134 votes
For Hon <sup>l</sup> Samuel Dexter, . . . . .	148 votes
For Lt <sup>t</sup> Governor,	
For Hon <sup>l</sup> William King . . . . .	147
Hon <sup>l</sup> William Phillips . . . . .	135
For Senators and Counsellors	
Silas Holman . . . . .	136
Oliver Crosby . . . . .	136
Daniel Waldo . . . . .	136
Thomas H. Blood . . . . .	136
Joseph Adams . . . . .	146
Edmund Cushing . . . . .	146
Jonas Sibley . . . . .	146
Zadock Gates . . . . .	146

Attest

Philip F. Cowdin	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
Peter Snow	
Isaiah Putnam	

Timothy F. Downe  
John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[377] Adj<sup>t</sup> of March meeting

The meeting by adjournment from March 4<sup>th</sup> 1816, to March 21<sup>st</sup> and from that time to the first day of April, 1816, at 2 O'clock P. M. was opened, and,

Art. 6. The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer made the following report in writing.

"Fitchburg, March 22<sup>d</sup> 1816.

The Subscriber, chosen by the Town a Committee to settle with their Treasurer, find his accounts to be as follows, viz.

To cash received by him of his immediate predecessor on the adjustment of his accounts, March 13. 1815, . . . . .	\$3.56
To cash received at sundry times of Timothy Garfield in completion of his collection for the years, 1813 & 1814, . . . . .	900.94
To Do. received at sundry times of Reuben Billings in completion of his collection for the year 1814 the sum of . . . . .	502.15
To Do. received at sundry times of Joseph Carter on account of his collection for the year 1815, . . . . .	564.55
To Do. received of Samuel Parker on acct of his collection for the year, 1815, . . . . .	441.00
To Do. received of the Inhabitants of Harvard in discharge of their note of April 25, 1814, for 220.31, interest 23.01 . . . . .	243.32
To Do. received of the Selectmen of Fitchburg rec'd by them of the Selectmen of Princeton towards the support of Martha Bellows, . . . . .	18.00
To Do. cash received of Samuel Houghton William Kilborn Samuel Caswell for their conditional exemption from Military duty, . . . . .	6.00
To Do received of the town of Ashby for the Maintenance of Dorcas Wheeler . . . . .	24.35
To Do received by him as Interest of money belonging to the town which let out on use . . . . .	.55
To Do received by him of the Collectors for sundry delinquencies in the satisfaction of Highway taxes . . . . .	13.84
	\$2718.26

The Treasurer . . . . .	Cr
By payments made by him on orders of the Selectmen which we have examined and destroyed . . . . .	2800.42
By allowance to him as Treasurer . . . . .	<u>12.00</u>
	<u>\$2812.42</u>

From this statement it results that the town is indebted to Mr J. Marshall Jr \$94.16 and it appears that there is due from Samuel Parker the Collector chosen by the town to complete the collection of taxes committed to Joseph Carter to collect the sum of 490.88, and we have compared the amount of Taxes paid in by Mr. Carter, with the amount of the

[378] 1816. Adj<sup>t</sup> of March Meeting

the new warrant issued to Mr. Parker, and find Mr. Carter chargable with a deficiency of \$217.28, which we suppose is secured to the Town by his Bondsmen.

Of outstanding and unsatisfied orders drawn by the Selectmen on the Treasurer the amount is \$333.91, which with the balance due to Mr. Marshall leaves of the aforesaid taxes yet uncollected the sum of \$280.09, to answer the existing and growing demands against the Town.

Peter Snow  
W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr.  
Joseph Simonds  
Jonas Marshall Jr. Treasurer"

which report being read,

Voted to accept thereof.

Money      Art. 5. Voted to raise eight hundred dollars 800.00 to defray the necessary expences of the Town.

100.00      Voted to raise in addition to the above for 900.00 the same purpose one hundred dollars.

Art. 9. Voted to pass over the ninth article in the warrant.

Art. 10. Voted to pass over the tenth article in the warrant.

Art. 12. Voted to recommit the accounts laid before the Town to the Same Committee before chosen under

this article, who are authorized to liquidate and adjust the same.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> Chose Samuel Parker, collector of taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted to accept Jonas Marshall Jr. and Benjamin Fuller as sureties for Samuel Parker, as Collector.

Voted to refer the taking of the Collectors bonds to the Treasurer.

Chose Samuel Houghton and William Carleton, Constables.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

O Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town meeting, who are now assembled this first day of April, to act on the following articles immediately, viz.

First, To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

[379] Secondly. To see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to hire any sum or sums of money, which may be wanted to defray the necessary expences of the Town, 'till there can be money afsefesd and collected for that purpose, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this first day of April A. D. 1816.

Philip F Cowdin Joseph Downe Jr. Peter Snow Isaiah Putnam Timothy F. Downe	Selectmen of Fitchburg.
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A true copy, attest, John Shepley, Town Clerk.

The above warrant was read by Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg in open Town meeting, on the first day of April, 1816, and thereupon

Chose W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jr. Esq. Moderator.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow any sum of money not exceeding three hundred Dollars for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

On the first day of April, 1816, Samuel Parker took the oath required by law to be taken by a collector of taxes, before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

On the eighteenth day of April, 1816, Joseph Farwell, Phinehas Allen, Daniel Farwell, Seth Phillips, Stephen Dole, and Joseph Richardson, appeared and severally took the oath of office required by law to be taken by Tything-men, before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk

On the nineteenth day of April, 1816, Samuel Houghton took the oath required by law to be by Constables, before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town, being Seal twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town Seal for the Space of one year next preceding, having a Seal freehold estate within said Town of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meetinghouse on tuesday the fourteenth day of May next at two O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Rep-

[380] 1816. May meeting  
resentatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twenty second day of April, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin, Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. Timothy F. Downe	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs. April 27, 1816. In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned as the law directs the male inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, being twenty one years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said Town of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate of the value of two hundred dollars, to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Atts: John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden on tuesday the fourteenth day of May, 1816, at two of the clock in the afternoon;

It was moved by Zachariah Sheldon and seconded by Paul Boynton that the Town send two Representatives and that both names be carried in on one paper:

the motion was put; the house was divided, and counted, and the motion negatived.

It was then moved that, the Town send no Representative the present Year,

the motion is put, and decided in the affirmative.

then, Voted to disolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

oath May 16, 1816. 8 O'clock, A. M. Joseph Downe Jr. took the oath required by law to be taken by a fence-viewer, before me. John Shepley, Town Clerk.

June 1, 1816. Then William Carleton took the oath required by law to be taken by a Constable, Before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[381] 1816. June 10<sup>th</sup> Worcester fs. To Mr. Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Freehold-

ers and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on monday the tenth day of June next at four of the clock, P. M. to act on the following articles, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will make any alteration in School Districts No<sup>s</sup> 3, 4, & 5, or act any thing relative thereto.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twenty fifth day of May, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Philip F. Cowdin	
Isaiah Putnam	
Joseph Downe Jr.	

Worcester ss. May 25, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified the Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within expressed. Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Att<sup>s</sup> John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs holden on monday the tenth day of June, 1816, at four of the clock, P. M. at the Town's meetinghouse;

- Art 1. Chose W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham, Esqr. Moderator.
- Art. 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant.
- Art. 3. Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

July 13, 1816. Then Samuel Parker took the oath required by law to be taken by a collector of taxes, Before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[382] 1816, Aug<sup>t</sup> 26. Worcester fs. To Mr. Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote for Representatives, to meet at the Meetinghouse on the twenty sixth day of August instant at four O'clock, P. M. to give in their votes for a County Register of deeds.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of August, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Philip F. Cowdin	
Timothy F. Downe	
Isaiah Putnam	
Joseph Downe Jr.	

Worcester fs. August 12, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the within mentioned Town, qualified as within expressed, to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg  
A true copy, Att<sup>s</sup> John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at said Fitchburg in pursuance of the above warrant on the twenty sixth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen; the Inhabitants brought in their votes for a Register of deeds for said County of Worcester and the same being sorted and counted in open Town Meeting by Philip F. Cowdin, Joseph Downe Jr. Peter Snow, Timothy F. Downe, and Ifaiah Putnam, who were chosen for that purpose it appeared that the persons voted for, and the number of votes for each person were as follows, viz.

For Benjamin Kimball Esqr.	58 votes
Oliver Fiske Esqr.	1 vote
James Wilson Esqr.	13 Votes
Samuel Allen Esq.	1 Vote
	John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[383] Worcester ss. To Mr. Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the meetinghouse on the twenty sixth day of August instant at five of the clock, P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept of the revision of the Jurors for the Town of Fitchburg made out by the Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of August, A. D. 1816.

Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Peter Snow	
Isaiah Putnam	
Philip F. Cowdin	
Timothy F. Downe	

Worcester ss. August 12, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the within named Town, qualified as within expressed to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Atts: John Shepley, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Fitchburg on the twenty sixth day of August, 1816, the said Inhabitants being qualified to vote in Town affairs,

Art. 1. Voted, & Chose, Peter Snow, Moderator.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to accept the revision of the Jury box made by the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse on monday the seventh day of October next at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

[384] Octr. 1816.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will choose an Agent, or Agents, to oppose the Petition of Francis Deane and others to be incorporated by the Legislature of this Commonwealth into a new Town, and to act respecting the said Petition, as the Town may think proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order, or act anything respecting new roads, they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of September, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow  
Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen  
Isaiah Putnam }

Worcester ss. October 7, 1816. I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg  
A true copy Atts. John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg on monday the seventh day of October, 1816, at two O'clock in the afternoon, the said Inhabitants be-

ing qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, the meeting is opened, and

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Doct Peter Snow, Moderator.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to choose an agent to oppose in behalf of the Town the petition of Francis Deane and others to be incorporated into a new Town.

Chose Mr. Thomas Cowdin, Agent for the purpose above mentioned.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to prepare and sign a remonstrance in behalf of the Town against the said Petition of Francis Deane and others.

Chose for said Committee Mefsrs John Shepley, Jonas Marshall Jr., Joseph Richardson, Peter Snow, and Joseph Simonds.

[385] Art. 3<sup>d</sup> The Selectmen made the following report, viz.

"The Subscribers, being a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg on the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen, do lay out the following as a Town road in the Town of Fitchburg, and to be hereafter known, as a Town road in said Town, viz. beginning one rod west of a white oak tree on the road between Samuel Phelp's and D<sup>n</sup> Jacob Jaquith's, and runs south 20° west sixty five rods to an angle; thence south 18° west ten rods to an angle; thence south 14° west eight rods to an angle; thence south 18½° west seventeen rods to a stake and stones near the river, on land of Sam<sup>l</sup> Phelps, and others; thence west 16° south four rods across the river to an angle; thence south 49° west twenty four rods to a pine stump; thence south 25° west ten rods to an angle; thence south 26 west, nineteen rods to an angle; thence west 38° south eighteen rods to an angle; thence south 17° west ninety rods to an angle; thence south 24° west forty eight rods to an angle; thence south 34° west twenty three rods to an angle; thence south 16° west thirty four rods to an angle; thence south 9° west thirty six rods to the corner of Isaiah Putnam's land, on land of Joseph Upton and Joseph Low from the middle of the river above mentioned; said road

is laid out two rods wide; the bounds are all on the westerly side of said road; We have estimated the damages to the said Upton and Low at \$100.00 which they are willing to accept, as a compensation for damages. The parties being duly notified &c. all which is submitted.

Peter Snow  
Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen  
Joseph Downe Jr. } "

Voted to accept the above report of the Selectmen

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Nov. 4, 1816. Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of twenty one years old and upwards qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the fourth day of November next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz.

[386] 1816. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 4.

1<sup>st</sup> To give in their votes for a Representative for the Worcester North District in the Congress of the United States.

2<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a Register of deeds for the County of Worcester.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow,  
Philip F. Cowdin, } Selectmen  
Isaiah Putnam,

Worcester fs. November 4, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned, as the law directs, the Male Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, qualified as within mentioned, to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes, within exprefsed. Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Att<sup>s</sup> John Shepley, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the fourth day of November, being the first monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District; Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, To wit;

For Solomon Strong Esqr., sixty four votes.

For Edmund Cushing Esqr., thirty six votes.

Philip F. Cowdin Joseph Downe Jr. Peter Snow Timothy F. Downe John Shepley, Town Clerk	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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[387] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at said Fitchburg, on the fourth day of November, A. D. 1816, the said Inhabitants brought in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County of Worcester; and the same being sorted and counted in open Town meeting by Philip F. Cowdin, Peter Snow, Joseph Downe Jr. and Timothy F. Downe, who were chosen for that purpose, it appeared that the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes for each person were as follows, viz.

For Benjamin Kimball, Esquire, ninety two votes

Philip F. Cowdin Joseph Downe Jr. Peter Snow Timothy F. Downe John Shepley, Town Clerk	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and for town Officers to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on monday the third day of March next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern Said meeting

2 To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and to act anything in regard to choosing Collectors as the town may think proper

3 To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to repair the Highways and Bridges, the year ensuing, or act anything thereon

4 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise for schooling the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out said money they may think proper.

5 To see what sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to defray the necefsary expences the year ensuing.

6 To see if the Town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer

7 To see if the Town will vote that the swine may run at large the ensuing year under the regulation of the law.

8 To see if the Town will give a bounty on Crows or act any thing thereon.

[388] Art 9 To see if the town will sell their land or act any thing thereon

10 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

11 To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle from running at large the year ensuing

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this tenth day of February AD. 1817.

Peter Snow  
Philip F. Cowdin  
Joseph Downe Jr.  
Isaiah Putnam } Selectmen  
of  
Fitchburg

Worcester ss March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817. I hereby certify that I have notified and warned as the law directs, the freeholders and other inhabitants of the before mentioned Town of Fitchburg, qualified as mentioned in the above Warrant, to appear at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in this Warrant.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

A true Copy attest

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the above Warrant, and notification, the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg met on the thirday of March at nine O' in the forenoon as above directed, the meeting being

Art. 1. Opened, Voted and chose W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator.

2<sup>d</sup> Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk, Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Voted to choose three Selectmen

Chose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. & Zachariah Shelden Selectmen

Voted to choose three Assessors.

Chose Peter Snow Philip F. Cowdin & Isaiah Putnam Assessors.

Chose James Cowdin	William Kilborn
Joseph Battles	Benjamin Wheeler
Sam <sup>l</sup> . Houghton	Eph <sup>m</sup> Of born Jr.
Thomas Eaton	John Carter Jr
Joseph Boynton	Amos Shelden 2 <sup>d</sup>
Joseph Haskell	Josiah McIntire
Sam <sup>l</sup> . Caswell Jr	Abijah Hartwell
Joseph Simonds	Levi Pratt and
Francis Dean	Eph <sup>m</sup> Smith.
Simeon Gibson	

Highway Surveyors.

[389] Chose Abijah Goodridge	John Thurston
Alpheus Kimball	Daniel Tuttle
Edw <sup>d</sup> Smith	Amos Durant
Amos Wheeler Jr	Boylston Poor
Parley Mc intire	Jefse Mc intire
Edmond Nichols	Curtis Stevens

Afa Kinsman	Amos Haward and
Simeon Gibson	Elnathan Gibson
Hogreeves.	

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. & Nehemiah Fuller Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Chose Joseph Farwell, Peter Snow, Zachariah Shelden & Walter Johnson and John Upton Firewards.

Voted that the Firewards provide for themselves at the expence of the town, the Insignia of their office.

Chose Parley McIntire, Levi Farwell Joshua Goodridge & Joel Page Field-drivers.

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Pound-Keeper.

Chose Dea<sup>n</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Thurston and Capt John Farwell, Tythingmen

Chose John Willard Thomas Eaton and Zachariah Shelden, Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Joel Page Josiah Brown and Elijah McIntire Jr Fenceviewers.

Chose Walter Johnson	Stephen Adams
James Cowdin	Reuben Billings
Luke Wetherbee	Israel Wetherbee
Daniel Harris	Jeremiah Kinsman Jr and
Tim <sup>o</sup> F. Downe	Thomas Sweetser
Sam <sup>l</sup> Philips	
John Carter Jr.	

School Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint sextons.

Art 3. Voted to raise Twelve hundred dollars to repair the highway & Bridges the year ensuing, the price of labor the same as last year.

Art 4 Voted to raise Nine Hundred dollars for the support of schools, Eight Hundred dollars of which to be apportioned to the respective Districts in proportion to the number of Scholars, one Hundred dollars to be divided among the small districts at the discretion of the Selectmen. A schedule of the number of Scholars to be taken on the first monday of September, and a return thereof made to the Selectmen on the first monday of October, annually.

Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant.

Art 6 Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

Chose for said Committee W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esqr Joseph Downe Jr. and Capt Joseph Farwell

Voted to Pass over the Seventh and Eighth Articles in the Warrant.

Art 9 Voted to sell the Towns land, bot of J. Boynton reserving a piece of land for the Pound

Voted to choose three, a Committee to sell said land to the best advantage

Chose for said Committee Joseph Richardson Joseph Simonds and John Willard. Voted that the Conveyance of the land to be made by the Town Treasurer.

Voted to pass over the tenth Article in the Warrant.

Art 11 Voted to restrain neat Cattle from running at large.

[390] Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of the Taxes for the year ensuing to the lowest bidder, as usual.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in april next at One O'clock P. M.

Peter Snow Town Clerk

April 7, 1817 being the first monday the Town met according to adjournment

The meeting being Opened, Voted to choose three Auditors of accounts.

Voted and chose Joseph Richardson, W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esqr & Jonas Marshall Jr. Auditors.

The Committee Chosen by the town to let out the Collection of the Taxes the year ensuing, made their report Viz. M<sup>r</sup> Abiel Holt being the lowest bidder it was struck off to him for One dollar & seventy five cents on the Hundred dollars.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Parker came forward with his bondsmen, by an agreement with, with Abiel Holt and offered to take the Collection for the same sum.

Voted not to accept of Samuel Parker with his Bondsmen.

Voted and chose Samuel Houghton Collector of Taxes

for the year ensuing, and agreed to give him Two Dollars on the Hundred dollars for collecting the Taxes.

Voted to choose two Constables, and chose Samuel Houghton & W<sup>m</sup> Calton, Constables

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer Which is as follows Viz.

The Town Treafurer . . . . .	Dr
To cash receiv'd of Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker in completion of his collection for the year 1815 . . . . .	490.88
To cash receiv'd of Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker, on his collection for the year 1816 . . . . .	1869.64
Cash receiv'd of Joseph Carters bondsmen . . . .	229.22
Cash recev'd of Sundry persons for conditional exemption from Military duty . . . . .	8.00
Cash recvd of Levi Farwell for things sold by the Selectmen belonging to Rebeccah Smith . .	30.00
Cash recvd of W <sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esq <sup>r</sup> being one moiety of two fines collected by him of Curtis Stephens for breach of Sabbath . . . . .	4.00
	<u>2631.74</u>

The Town Treafurer . . . . .	C <sup>r</sup>
By payment to M <sup>r</sup> Jonas Marshall Jr. of the balance due him on Settlement March 1816 . .	94.16
By interest payed by him, on cash hir'd for the use of the town . . . . .	5.28
By payment of Orders drawn on him by the Selectmen, which we have examined and destroy'd	2547.50
By allowance to him for his services as Treasuerer the year past . . . . .	12.00
	<u>2658.94</u>

It appears there is a balance due the Town Treasuerer the sum of . . . . .	27.20
We find due to the town from Joseph Carters Bondsmen, on 1815, Tax . . . . .	3.76
We find due from Samuel Parker on his Collection for the year 1816 . . . . .	27.08
We find of Outstanding and unsatisfied Orders . .	419.36
Joseph Downe Jr } Committee Joseph Farwell } Joseph Simonds, Town Treasurer.	

Voted to raise Sixteen Hundred dollars to defray the necessary expences of the Town

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg assembled on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1817. Voted to authorise their Town Treasurer to borrow seven Hundred & Fifty dollars in behalf of the Town

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[391] Worcester ss. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars to meet at the meetinghouse on monday the seventh day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counfellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day of march AD. 1817.

Peter Snow	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jos. Downe Jr	

Zachariah Sheldon

March 22<sup>d</sup> 1817. Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warnd the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within Mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counfellors, holden on the seventh day of April, being the first

Monday of said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Seventeen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted counted and recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, Viz.

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks . . . . .	123
Maj <sup>r</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup> Henry Dearbon . . . . .	124

For Lieutenant Governor.

His Honor William Phillips . . . . .	123
Hon. William King . . . . .	124

For Senators

Hon. Oliver Crosby . . . . .	124
Dan <sup>l</sup> Waldo . . . . .	124
Tho <sup>s</sup> H. Blood . . . . .	124
Gen <sup>l</sup> James Humphries . . . . .	123
Joseph Adams . . . . .	124
Jonas Sibley . . . . .	124
Edmond Cushing . . . . .	124
Zadock Gates Esquires . . . . .	124
Hon. Silas Holman . . . . .	1
Peter Snow	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
Zachariah Sheldon	
Peter Snow Town Clerk	

[392] Worcester ss. March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817 Then Peter Snow took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Town Clerk. Also Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr & Zachariah Sheldon Severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Selectman.

Also Peter Snow Philip F. Cowdin and Isaiah Putnam severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Alseforsors Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis.  
Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817 Then James Cowdin Samuel Houghton Thomas Eaton Jos. Haskell Joseph Simonds Simeon Gibson, Benjamin Wheeler, John Carter, Ephm<sup>r</sup> Smith. Severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyors before me      Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817 Then Alpheus Kimball Amos Wheeler Jr. Boylston Poor & Jefse M<sup>r</sup> intire Severally took the oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817 Then Joseph Downe Jr. & Nehemiah Fuller took the oath required by law to be taken by Cullers of Hoops and Staves before me

Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817 Pearly McIntire Levi Farwell Joel Page took the oath required by law to be taken by Field drivers      Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817. Then John Willard Thomas Eaton & Zachariah Sheldon took the required by law to be taken by Surveyors of Lumber

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1817. I certify that W<sup>m</sup> Carlton appeared before me and took the Oath of a Constable W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham Jus. Pacis.      Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 23<sup>d</sup> 1817 Then Samuel Houghton appeared before me and took the Oath of a Constable, and Collector before me      Peter Snow Town Clerk

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1817 Edward Smith took the oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves before me

Peter Snow Town Clerk

[393] Worcester ss. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachussetts to notify and Seal warn the Male Inhabitants of said town being Seal twenty one years of age, and resident in said town Seal

for the space of one year next preceeding, having a free-hold estate within said town of the annual income of Ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house on monday the fifth day of may next at three of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatatives to reprent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg the eighteenth day of April AD 1817

Peter Snow              } Selectmen  
Joseph Downe Jr      } of  
Zachariah Sheldon } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. April 19, 1817. I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, qualified as mentioned, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within exprefsed    Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Purfuant to the above warrant the town met on the fifth day of May the meeting being Opened, it was moved and Seconded not to send a Representative to the General Court this year which pafs'd in the affirmative.

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal       You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and warn Seal       the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town Seal       qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on monday the seventeenth day of this instant November at two of the clock in the afternoon, and when met to act on the following Articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will provide suitable Ground for setting stables near the first Parish Meetinghouse, or make any proposals to the owners of the stables now standing near said Meetinghouse, or act any thing with respect to stables the town may see fit.

[394] 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or any alterations of roads, or act any thing respecting roads they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this third day of November, A. D. 1817.

Peter Snow  
Jos. Downe Jr.  
Zachariah Sheldon. } Selectmen

Worcester fs. November 4<sup>th</sup> 1817. Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at time and place, and for the purposes above Mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable

Pursuant to the above Warrant the town met on the seventeenth of November 1817. The meeting opened

Chose M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Richardson Moderator.

Voted to pass over the Second Article in the Warrant

Voted to pass over the Third article in the Warrant.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Seal town qualified by law to vote in town affairs and for Town Officers to meet and assemble at the meeting house on Monday the second day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon and when met to act on the following articles Viz.

- 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To choose a Clerk, Treasurer Selectmen, Assessors and all other town Officers agreeable to law, and to act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors the town may think proper.
- 3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their highways and Bridges, the year ensuing, Or act any thing thereon.
- 4 To see what sum of money for the support of schools the year ensuing and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper
- 5 To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town the year ensuing.
- [395] 6 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer.
- 7 To see if the town will vote to let the swine run at large under the regulation of the law the year ensuing.
- 8 To see if the town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing
- 9 To see what method will take to support their poor the year ensuing or any thing thereon they may think proper.
- 10 To see if the town will give a bounty on Crows the year ensuing.
11. To see if the town will Annex Mr Joshua Pearce with his farm to school District No 12. or act any thing thereon.
- 12 To see what use the town will appropriate their money from the sale of their land or act any thing thereon.
- 13 To see if the town will give the bed which belonged to Mary Wares to Thomas G. Cree, or act any thing thereon
- 14 To see if the town will discontinue any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seals this ninth day of February AD. 1818.

Peter Snow              } Selectmen  
Jos. Downe Jr.          } of  
Zachariah Sheldon. } Fitchburg

Worcester ss. February 14<sup>th</sup> 1818. In obedience to the within Warrant to me directed, I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the within named town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within expresed.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the above Warrant the Town met on the second day of March AD 1818. The meeting being opened

Voted and choose John Shepley Moderator.

Choose Peter Snow Town Clerk

Chose M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer.

Choose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. & Zachariah Sheldon Selectmen

Chose Peter Snow, Joseph Downe Jr. & Zachariah Sheldon Afsefsors.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the ninth day of March instant at nine O'clock in the forenoon.

Monday March ninth 1818 The town met according to adjournment, the meeting being Opened, and the Moderator being absent Chose Capt Phillip Cowdin Moderator pro. tem.

Chose Capt Joshua Goodridge	John Allen
Sam <sup>r</sup> Hale	Amos Durant
Nehemiah Giles	Tho <sup>s</sup> Harris
Joshua Phillips	Jacob Stickney
Edw <sup>d</sup> Smith	William Bolton
William Carlton	Sam <sup>r</sup> Phelps Jr
John Andrews	John Badcock
Capt Israel Turner	David Baldwin &
John Willard	Samuel Parker
Solomon Gibson	

Highway Surveyors

Voted that the Highway Surveyors be collectors in their Several districts.

[396] Chose Elnathan Gibson Levi Pratt, Joshua Melven, Nathan Sylvester Moses Sartwell, Joseph Sanders

George W. Chaplin Silvanus Lapham Joel How and Arlington Gibson Hogreeves.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. and Nathan Ordway Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Chose Thomas Eaton, Jonas Marshall Jr. Capt Jos. Farwell Col. Paul Boynton and Genl Leonard Burbank Fire Wards.

Voted that the Selectmen provide for the Firewards the Insignia of their office.

Chose Capt James Cowdin Thaddeus Gray Abel Bruce & Jos Richardson, Field Drivers.

Chose George Wood Jr. Pound keeper.

Chose D<sup>n</sup> John Farwell & Mr Isaac Stone Tythingmen.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon Aaron Eaton, and John Willard Surveyor of Lumber.

Chose Nathan Ordway Jos. Downe Jr. & Levi Farwell Fence Viewers.

Chose Capt Jos. Farwell	Payson Williams
Benjamin Flint	Amos Putnam
Tho <sup>s</sup> Damon	Aaron Darby
Abr <sup>m</sup> Osborn	Abel Thurston
Benj <sup>n</sup> Fuller	Nathan Andrews &
Abel Bruce	W <sup>m</sup> Cunningham Esq <sup>r</sup>

School Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint Sextons.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of the taxes at public Vendue.

Voted to raise Twelve Hundred dollars to repair the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing, and that the price of Labour be twelve cents an hour; the price of oxen, Plough, Cart &c as usual.

Voted to pass to the Twelfth article in the warrant

Voted to appropriate the money arising from the sale of the towns land to repair the bridges lately carried away by the freshet, or so much of it as Shall be found necessary.

Voted to choose a Committee to repair the bridges

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. John Willard and Jos. Downe Jr. for said Committee.

Voted to raise Nine hundred dollars for the suport of schools, the money to be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to raise Twelve hundred dollars for the necessary expences of the town the year ensuing.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with the town Treasurer

Chose Thomas Cowdin, Jonas Marshall Jr. & Payson Williams for said Committee

Voted to pass over the seventh Article in the Warrant.

Voted that neat Cattle be restrained from running at large the present year

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to let out the Poor at their own discretion

[397] Voted to give seventeen cents bounty on each Crow killed within the bound of Fitchburg to be paid by the town Treafurer.

Voted that Mr Joshua Pearce with his Farm be annexed to school district N<sup>o</sup> 12.

Voted that Town Treasurer appropriate the money Arising from the sale of the Towns the same as any other money belonging to the Town.

Voted that the Committee chosen to repair the Bridges be instructed to omit the bridge near the Farwells shop till the adjournment.

Voted to give the bed belonging to Mary Ware to Thos G. Cree.

Voted to pass over the 14<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at four of the clock in the afternoon.

April 6<sup>th</sup> being the first monday in April AD. 1818. The town met according to adjournment the meeting being Opened, Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to Settle with the Town Treasurer which is as follows, Viz. Fitchburg March 16 1818. The Committe chosen to Settle with the Town Treasurer have attended to that businefs and beg leave to report as follows Viz.

The Town Treasurer . . . . .	Dr	
To cash paid by Samuel Houghton and Eliza Carter for conditional exemption from Military duty . . . . .		4.00
To cash paid him by Jonas Marshall Jr. on account of the purchase of the Towns land . .		.81
To cash paid him by the Selectmen receiv'd from the town of Reading for the support of John Pratt and Family . . . . .		117.50
To cash receiv'd by the same of the town of Lunenburg for the support of Nancy Hill . . .		47.64
To cash receiv'd of Samuel Parker in completion of his collection of Taxes for the year 1816 . . . . .		27.08
To cash receiv'd of Samuel Houghton towards his collection of taxes for the year 1817 . .		2472.64
To cash receiv'd of Joshua Phillips one of the Bondsmen of Joseph Carter Collector for the year 1815, being in full for said Carter's collection . . . . .		3.76
		\$2673.43

The Town Treasurer . . . . .	Cr	
By balance due him on settlement March 31, 1817. . . . .		27.20
By interest paid for money borrowed for the town by him . . . . .		14.79
By orders drawn by the Selectmen, and paid by him which we have examined and destroy'd. .		2605.31
By his services as Treasurer . . . . .		12.00
By cash in his hands . . . . .		14.13
		\$2673.43

We find in the hands of Samuel Houghton Collector for the year 1817 . . . . . 99.26 exclusive of his pay for collection. Turn over

[398] We find due to the several school Districts in town the sum of \$237.94 which leaves the town in debt. \$138.68, exclusive of a note signed by Jonas Marshall Jr.

which was given for the towns land dated May 29<sup>th</sup> 1817,  
of \$472.00 Thomas Cowdin }

Thomas Cowdin      }  
Jonas Marshall Jr      } Committee  
Payson Williams.      }  
Joseph Simonds, Treasurer.

Voted and chose Samuel Parker Collector, and accepted his bondsmen.

Voted and chose Samuel Parker Constable.

Voted and chose Samuel Houghton Constable

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

March 2<sup>d</sup> 1818 Joshua Goodridge, Joshua Phillips  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Smith Israel Turner, John Willard John Allen Amos  
Durant Sam<sup>l</sup> Phelps Jr. David Baldwin and Samuel Parker severally took the oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyors before me

## Peter Snow Town Clerk

Nehemiah Giles and Sam<sup>1</sup> Hale severally took the oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyor before me. . . . . Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 9 William [Bolton] took the oath of a Highway surveyor before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

March 2<sup>d</sup> 1818 Then Levi Pratt Moses Sartwell,  
Joshua Melven Joseph Sanders Silvanus Lapham severally  
took the Oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves  
Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Apr<sup>l</sup> 1818 Joseph Downe Jr. and Levi Farwell sever-  
ally took the Oath required by Law, to be taken by  
Fence Viewers before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1818 Samuel Houghton took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Constable

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 4 1818. Then Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. and Zachariah Sheldon personally appeared, and sworne into office as Assessors of the town of Fitchburg for the

year ensuing taking the Oath required by law to be taken  
by Assessors

Also Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. and Zachariah [Sheldon] took the Oath required by law to be taken as Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing

Also Peter Snow took the Oath as Town Clerk of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, required by law.

John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

[399] Worcester ss. To Mr Samuel Houghton one  
of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and  
Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet  
and assemble at the meetinghouse on monday the sixth  
day of April next at three O'clock in the afternoon to act  
on the following Articles Viz. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator  
to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will rebuild the the bridge near the Farwells shop lately carried away by the flood, or act any thing respecting that bridge the town may think proper

3 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this  
eighteenth day of March AD. 1818.

Peter Snow      Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant the inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg on the sixth day of April AD. 1818 The meeting being Opened chose

Capt Philip F. Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to rebuild the Bridge near the Farwells Blacksmith Shop.

Voted that the Committee lately chosen to build the Bridge near mills belonging to Capt Fox & C<sup>o</sup> be a Committee to build the Bridge near the Farwells Shop.

Voted to accept the road laid out by the Selectmen thro' the land of Phinehas and Ephraim Hartwell, Which is as follows Viz.

The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg at the request of a number of the Inhabitants of the northerly part of said town, on the third day of April AD. Eighteen hundred and eighteen, did lay out, and hereby lay out a town way near the house of Abijah Hartwell described as follows Viz. Beginning at a Chestnut tree near the brook on land of Phinehas Hartwell, and runs South 17° west 51. rods to an Angle. Thence South 22° west 15. rods to the old road, through land of Phinehas Hartwell. Thence South 22° west 26 rods to an angle. Thence South 10° west 24 rods to the new road laid out round Litch's hill (so call'd) on land of Ephraim Hartwell. Said road is two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the west Side of Said road.—The parties being duly notified—We have estimated the damages to Phinehas Hartwell at Sixty three dollars he being absent we did not agree with him. We estimated the damages to Ephraim Hartwell at forty one dollars as Sixty seven cents which he has agreed to receive as damages. All which is submitted for the acceptance or approval of the Town.

Peter Snow		Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr.	}	of
Zachariah Sheldon	}	Fitchburg.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest      Peter Snow Town Clerk

[400] Worcester fs. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

Seal      You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Fitch-

burg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value two hundred dollars to meet at the meeting house on monday the Sixth day of April next, at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators & counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of Said Commonwealth. \*

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg this of March AD. 1818. Peter Snow { Selectmen of Jos. Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. April 4<sup>th</sup> 1818

Samuel Houghton Constable

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg District of the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieut Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, holden on the sixth day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of Our Lord Eight hundred and Eighteen for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators & Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Votes for the following Persons were given in sorted counted & recorded and Declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed.—

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks . . . . .	116
Hon. Benj <sup>n</sup> W. Crowningshield . . . . .	97

For Lieut Governor

His Honor William Phillips . . . . .	115
Hon Thomas Kittredge . . . . .	97
Hon Levi Lincoln Jr. . . . . .	1

## For Senators

Hon Oliver Crosby . . . . .	116
Hon. Daniel Waldo . . . . .	116
Hon James Humphreys . . . . .	116
Gen Stephen P. Gardner . . . . .	116
Joseph Adams . . . . .	97
Jonas Sibley . . . . .	97
Edmond Cushing . . . . .	97
Zadock Gates . . . Esquires . . . . .	97

Peter Snow      } Selectmen  
 Joseph Downe Jr      } of  
 Zachariah Sheldon } Fitchburg  
 Peter Snow Town Clerk

[401] Worcester fs. To M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting.

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said being twenty one years of age and resident in said for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of ten dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting-house on monday the fourth day of may next, at three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of chooosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg the fifteenth day of April AD. 1818.

Pursuant to this Warrant, I have notified and warned as the law direets the male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place and for the purposes above mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.  
Fitchburg May 4, 1818.

At a legal meeting of the Male inhabitants assembled on the fourth day of May 1818. Voted not to send a

Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened at Boston, this Year.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester Is To M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting  
Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn  
Seal the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years old, and qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court, to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the second day of November next at two of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Reprefentative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congrefs of the United States for the Worcester North District

Given under our hands and Seals this Sixteenth day of October AD 1818

Peter Snow } Selectmen of  
Joseph Downe Jr } Fitchburg

Worcester. Is. Oct<sup>r</sup> 19. 1818. I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote for Representatives as the law directs to meet and asenible at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest Peter Snow Town Cler.

[402] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg duly qualified to vote for representatives in the General Court of this commonwealth, holden at the meetinghoufe in Said town on the Second day of November, being the first Monday in said month AD 1818.

Votes for the following persons to represent the people of said commonwealth in the Congrefs of the United States for the Worcester north District were given in a follows Viz.

For the Hon James Kendall . . . . . Sixty Seven  
 For Edmond Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> . . . . . Fifty two.

Attest	Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen
	Peter Snow Town Cler.	

[403] Worcester fs. To Mr Samuel Houghton constable of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Seal warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse on monday the Second day of November next, at four of the clock in the afternoon and when met to act on the following Articles Viz.

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will Accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or act any thing respecting roads, they may think proper

Given under our hands and Seals this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October AD. 1818.

Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr.	Selectmen

Worcester fs. Oct<sup>r</sup> 19, 1818 I have notified and warned, the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Attest	Sam <sup>l</sup> Houghton Constable of Fitchburg Peter Snow Town Cler.
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Pursuant to the above Warrant, the inhabitants of the town met on the Second day of November AD 1818, the meeting being opened chose Mr Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to Accept the road laid out by the Selectmen near Gen<sup>l</sup> Leonard Burbank's house, as is set forth in their Report, Viz.

dated the 23<sup>d</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1818.

Beginning at a stone set in the ground near Gen<sup>l</sup> L.

Burbanks house on the road leading to the bridge, From thence east 32° South forty rods, to a stone set in the ground, said road is laid out two rods wide, the bounds on the north side of the road. Said road is partly on land belonging to the Heirs of Thomas Cowdin Esqr. We have estimated the damages to said Cowdin's Heirs at two dollars. Said Burbank Burbank promises to pay all damages that may arise in consequence of said road, all which is submitted.

Peter Snow  
Jos. Downe Jr  
Zachariah Sheldon } Selectmen

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Attest

[404] The Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, at the request of a number of the inhabitants in the south part of the town, on the twenty third day of October AD eighteen hundred and eighteen, did lay out the following as a town road in the town of Fitchburg, and to be hereafter known as a town road in said town, Viz.

Beginning at a stake and stones on the town road on land of Benj<sup>n</sup> Blaney, and runs north 29° east 21. rods to an Oak tree Thence north 6° east 40 rods to an angle. Thence north 20° east 16 rods to a maple tree. Thence north 5° east 41. rods to a stake & stones. Thence north 50° east 42 rods to the common.

Said road is laid out two rods wide, all the bounds are on the west side of the road. The parties being duly notified except Mr Blaney. The distance thro' his land is 36 rods, we have estimated the damages to him at seven dollars. The distance thro' Ephraim Kimball Jrs. land is 95 rods, we have estimated the damages to him at One hundred dollars, which he agrees to accept as a compensation. The distance thro' Putnam & Perkins' land is 31. rods, land given. The distance thro' Peter Snows land is eighteen rods. The road the the last distance mentioned, about nine rods of which is partly on land belonging to the proprietors of the new meetinghouse. We have estimated the damages to Peter Snow at One hundred dollars which he agrees to accept as a compensation,

and the damages to the proprietors of the new meeting-house at six dollars, all which is submitted.

Peter Snow  
Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen  
Zachariah Sheldon }

Attest Peter Snow Town Cler.

Voted not to accept the report of the selectmen in laying out a road over Putnam's & Perkins Mill dam.

Voted to reconsider the above vote.

Voted that the report of the Selectmen, laying out a road from land of Benjamin Blaney to and across the Mill-dam belonging to Daniel Putnam & Francis Perkins be Accepted on the Condition, that a right free of charge to the town to rest a bridge upon the said Mill-dam shall be given in due & authentic form by the said Putnam and Perkins

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to see that a right from from Putnam & Perkins to rest a bridge across their Mill-dam be duly authenticated by them.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the ninth day of this instant November at two of the clock in the afternoon.

November 9<sup>th</sup> 1818 The town met according to adjournment the meeting being opened.

Voted to reconsider the Vote respecting the road laid out by the Selectmen from land of Benj<sup>n</sup> Blaney to and across the Mill dam belonging to Putnam & Perkins

[405] Voted that the report of the Selectmen laying out a road from Nathan Andrews to Arington Gibsons be laid over till March Meeting, unless the Proprietors of the land thro' which the road is laid consent to accept the damages estimated by the Selectmen, and make the road free of expence to the town.

Voted to accept the road on the above conditions.

The Subscribers a majority of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, at the request of a number of the inhabitants of the northeasterly part of said town on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818, did lay out the following as a town road in the said town of Fitchburg, and to be here-

after known as a town road in Said town, Viz. Beginning at a Walnut Tree on the old road about forty rods north-east from Nathan Andrews' house. Thence south 22° west 68 rods to a stake & stones. Thence south 37° west 17. Rods to a Stone wall betwen said Nathan Andrews' land & Arington Gibson's land. Thence south 41° west 74 rods to the road near said Gibson's house. Said road is laid out two rods wid thro' M<sup>r</sup> Andrews' land. All the bounds are on the East side of the road. We have estimated the damages to M<sup>r</sup> Andrews at one hundred and thirty five dollars which he is unwilling to accept as a Compensation. The road thro' Arington Gibson's land is laid out two rods wide, there being a reserve of one and an half rod of land for a road thro' said Gibson's land in a deed from Capt Reuben Gibson to M<sup>r</sup> John Putnam. The Subscribers thought it expedient to add half a rod more to the rod and an half, and have estimated the damage to M<sup>r</sup> Gibson at Fifteen dollars which he is unwilling to receive as a Compensation for damage. The parties being duly notified &c. all which is Submitted

Peter Snow   } Selectmen.  
Joseph Downe Jr. }  
Attest Peter Snow Town Cler.

Voted to have the Article passed over so far as it respects the Alteration in the road near M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Marshall Jr.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest   Peter Snow Town Cler.

[406] Worcester fs. To M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . Greeting

Seal. You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Seal. warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs and for town Officers to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on Monday the first day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup>. To choose a Medrator to govern Said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Clerk Treasurer Selectmen, Assessors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law and to act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors the town may think proper.

3 To see what Sum of Money the town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

4 To what Sum of money the town will raise to Support their Schools the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon, and also to act any thing in regard to choosing School Committee and defining their power & authority.

5 To see what Sum of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town the year ensuing.

6 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer

7 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing thereon

8 To see if the town will vote to let the swine run at large under the regulation of the law the year ensuing.

9 To see if the town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10 To see if the town will give a bounty on Crows the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon

11 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen

12 To see if the town will make Mr David Whittemore any consideration as damages for the road, going thro' his land or act any thing thereon

13 To see if the town will annex Mr Amos Wheeler with his farm to School Distric No 12 or act any thing thereon.

14 To see if the town will repair the wall around the old burying or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this eighth day of February AD. 1819.

Peter Snow      } Selectmen of  
Joseph Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

[407] Worcester fs. February 13, 1819 Pursuant to this warrant to me directed I have notified and warned

all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs and for town officers as the law directs, to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned.      Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant and notification the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg met on the first day of March AD 1819, as above directed the being Opened by reading the Warrant.

Voted and chose Capt. Philip F Cowdin Moderator

Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk. Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer.

Chose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. & John Willard Selectmen

Chose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr & John Willard Afsesors.

Chose Capt. James Cowdin Benjamin Flint Jr Jonas Marshall Jr Samuel Phillips Elisha Carter Daniel Works Daniel Kinsman David Low Daniel Flint Jr. Elnathan Gibson Jonath<sup>n</sup> Thurston John Kinsman. Jacob Tolman. Amos Sheldon 3<sup>d</sup> Micah Shattuck Jesse Mc intire, Joel Page Alpheus Boutell Amos Wheeler 2<sup>d</sup> Highway Surveyors.

Chose Samuel Smith, John Phillips Samuel Hale Afa Sawyer John Lowe Jesse Bennet David Baldwin, John William Samuel Learned Abel French, & Sam<sup>l</sup> White Hogreeves.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr and Nehemiah Fuller Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Chose Capt Joseph Farwell Jonas Marshall Jr Gen<sup>l</sup> Leonard Burbank Isaiah Putnam and Amos Durant Firewards.

Chose George Wood Jr. Pound Keeper

Chose W<sup>m</sup> Downe Joel Page and Joshua Pearce Field Drivers.

Chose Afa Perry and David Pratt Tythingmen

Chose Capt Joseph Farwell Ephm. Osborn & John Willard Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Samuel Phillips Joel Page and Levi Pratt Fence Viewers.

Chose Nehemiah Giles, Marshall Hastings John Lowe Ephraim Osborn Jr. Abel Downe Afa Sawyer, Elisha Carter John Willard Micah Shattuck Capt Jonathan Thurston Daniel Kinsman and Capt Martin Newton School Committee.

Voted to pass over so much of the Second Article in the Warrant except what respects letting out the collection of the taxes.

[408] Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair the highways and Bridges the year ensuing to be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to raise One thousand dollars for the Support of Schools the year ensuing, to be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant 'till the adjournment

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the town Treasurer

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Marton Newton & John Shepley Esq<sup>r</sup> for Said Committee.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer, which is as follows Viz.

The Treasurer . . . . . Dr	
To a balance due from him at the last Settlement . . . . .	\$14.13
" payment of a note by Jonas Marshall Jr. . . .	498.70
" Cash receiv'd of Samuel Houghton, Samuel Caswell J <sup>r</sup> & John Carter Jr. for conditional exemption from Military duty . . . . .	6.00
" Cash paid by the Selectmen—Received by them from the Town of Ashburnham for supporting the family of Joseph Fenno . . .	43.50
" payment by the same in Cash from the Town of Barre for supporting Mrs Farrar . . . .	72.00
" payment by Samuel Houghton in completion in completion of his Collection of Taxes for the year 1817. . . . .	99.26
" Sundry payments by Samuel Parker of his Collection for the year 1818 . . . . .	1549.48
	Amounting to
	<u>2283.07</u>

The Treasurer	Credit.
" By payment of orders drawn on him by the Selectmen which we have compared with and checked on their records . . . . .	2229.10
" Cash advanced to the Selectmen to pay the expence of a Journey to Newton on the account of the family of Obediah Hodgkins .	8.59
" Cash paid for Crows heads the year past .	12.58
" His services as Treasurer the year past . .	12.00
	Amount
	2262.27

By which it appears there is a ballance in the Treasurers hands of . . . . .	20.80
We find due to the Town from Samuel Parker on his Collection for the year 1818. Including his fees for Collecting . . . . .	619.32
We find due the several School-districts the sum of . . . . .	300.17
We also find of the selectmens book records of unsatisfied orders to the amount of . . .	18.43
Leaving a ballance in favor of the Town on the last years assefsmnt of . . . . .	321.52
All which is respectfully submitted by	
Jonas Marshall Jur. Martin Newton John Shepley Joseph Simonds Treafurer	Committee

[409] Voted that the care of the Poor be left at the deferetion of the Overseers of the Poor.

Voted to pafs over the eight article in the warrant.  
 Voted to restrain neat cattle from running at large.  
 Voted to pafs over the tenth Article in the warrant  
 Voted to pafs the twelfth article in the Warrant.  
 Voted to pafs over the thirteenth article in the Warrant  
 Voted to pafs over the fourteenth Article in the War-  
 rant.

Voted that the Selectmen let out the collection of the taxes according to the best of their judgment.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first monday in april next at two of the cloek, in the afternoon.

Monday April 5th, 1819 The town met according to adjournment, the meeting being opened.

Voted to excuse Blaney Sampson from serving as a Highway Surveyor and Chose Samuel Phillips in his Stead.

The Selectmen being appointed to let out the collection of the taxes for the year ensuing did attend to that busines, and let out the colletion of the taxes on the north side of the town to Samuel Parker for the sum of One dollar and Eighty cents on the hundred dollars

Also the collection of the taxes on the south side of the town to Samuel Parker for one dollar and twenty five cents on the hundred dollars.

Voted and chose Samuel Parker Collector with Phillip F Cowdin and Nathan Andrews as bondsmen.

Voted and chose Samuel Parker & Samuel Houghton Constables.

Voted to raise Eleven Hundred dollars to defray the necessary expences of the town the year ensuing.

Voted that the Schoolars in town be numbered on the first day of May and that the School Committee return the number of each districts Schoolars to the Selectmen immediately after.

Voted that the Town Clerk notify the Committee of their appointment and of this vote.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. April 2<sup>d</sup> 1819 Then Peter Snow took the Oath required required by law to be taken by a Town Clerk.

Also Peter Snow and Joseph Downe Jr severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Selectmen

Also Peter Snow and Joseph Downe Jr severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Afsefors, they having been chosen to said Offices in the town of Fitchburg in Said county. Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

[410] Woreester April 5th 1819. Then John Willard took the oath required by law to be taken by Selectmen.

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. Then John Willard appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by Assessors

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. March 1, 1819. Then, James Cowdin, Benjamin Flint Jr Jonas Marshall Jr Elisha Carter Danl Works, Daniel Kinsman Daniel Flint Jr Elnathan Gibson, Jonathan Thurston Amos Sheldon 3<sup>d</sup> Micah Shattuck Jesse McIntire and Joel Page, appear'd and took the Oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyors, and also Sam'l Phillips, Alpheus Boutell John Kinsman

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

Also John Phillips Jefse Bennet, and David Baldwin Jr. appeared and took the oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves      Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Also Joseph Downe Jr took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Culler of Hoops and Staves Before me  
Peter Snow Town Clerk

Also Joel Page took the Oath required by law to be taken by a field Driver

Also Joseph Farwell and John Willard appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by Surveyors of Lumber before      me Peter Snow Town Clerk

Also Joel Page Samuel Phillips and Levi Pratt appeared and took the oath required by law to be taken by Fence viewers      Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Apr<sup>r</sup> 17, 1819 Then Samuel Houghton took the Oath required by law To be taken by a Constable Before me  
Peter Snow Town Clerk

May 3, 1819. Capt. John Thurston was appointed Sealer of Waits & Measures And took the oath required by Law to be taken by a Sealer of Waits and Measures before Me . . . . . Peter Snow Just. Peace.

June 23, 1819. Then Samuel Parker took the oath required by law to be taken by a Collector of taxes before me      Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 28, 1819 Then Samuel Parker took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Constable.

[411] Worcester ss. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and those who are hereby qualified to vote for Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the meetinghouse on monday the fifth day of April next at three of the clock in in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg  
this 15th, day of March AD. 1819.

Peter Snow      Joseph Downe Jr.      John Willard      Selectmen  
of Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. March 20th. 1819. Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified and warned all the male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes above mentioned      Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and nineteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the constitution of this Commonwealth.

Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the constitution is directed. Viz.

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks . . . . .	122
Hon Benjamin W. Crowingshield . . . . .	111

For Lieutenant Governor	
His Honor, William Phillips . . . . .	123
Hon Benjamin Austin . . . . .	111
For Senators	
Hon. Stephen P. Gardner . . . . .	123
Aaron Tufts . . . . .	123
Lewis Bigelow . . . . .	123
Saml Eastman Esquires . . . . .	123
Jonas Sibley . . . . .	111
Joseph Adams . . . . .	111
Zadock Gates . . . . .	111
Edmond Cushing Esquires . . . . .	111
Peter Snow	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
John Willard	
Peter Snow Town Clerk	

[412] Worcester ls, To Mr Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg being twenty one years of age resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of ten dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars two meet at the meting house on the third day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston, in the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twelvth day of April AD 1819.

Peter Snow     } Selectmen  
Joseph Downe Jr } of  
John Williard } Fitchburg

April. 17. 1819. In obedience to the within Warrant to me directed by the Select men I have notified the Male

inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the male inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg assembled on the third day of May 1819  
 Voted not to send a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held at Boston, this year,

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

[413] Worcester fs. M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting house on the third day of May next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see what the town will do in regard to citation from the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for Sessions business at Worcester March term 1819, on the petitions of Paul Wetherbee and others Which is as follows, Viz.

Worcester fs. Circuit Court of Common Pleas for sessions business at Worcester March term 1819.

On the petition aforesaid ordered that the petitions notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to appear at the next term of this court to be holden at Worcester within and for said County on the fifth Monday in August next, by serving the Town Clerk of said town of Fitchburg with an attested Copy of said petition and this order of Court thereon, thirty days at least before the setting of said Court that they may then and there appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof should not be granted. Attest

Abijah Bigelow Clerk

Or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

3 To see if the town will discontinue the old road which turns off from the road by John and Samuel Smiths and Ephraim Hartwells till it meets the road lately laid out thro' the Hartwell farm.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of April 1819

Peter Snow      (Selectmen of  
Joseph Downe Jr) Fitchburg

April. 17. 1819. In obedience to the within warrant to me directed by the Selectmen I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

[414] Pursuant to the preeceeding Warrant the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg met on the third day of May 1819.

The meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant.

Chose Mr Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee to view other routes for a road from the south part of the town to the centre and hear proposals and report at the adjournment.

Voted to choose three for said Committee.

Chose for said Committee Dr Samuel Gibson, Payon Williams and William Cunningham Esqr

Voted to discontinue the old road mentioned in the 3<sup>d</sup> Article in the Warrant

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 27th. day of May instant at One O'clock P. M.

May 27. 1819. The town Meet according to adjournment, the meeting being Opened, Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to view other routes for a road from the south part of the town to the centre and hear proposals, which report is as follows Viz.

Your Committee having viewed the several routes contemplated for a road leading from the south part of the town of Fitchburg to the Meetinghouse in said town, beg

leave to report that in their Opinion that the rout laid by the Selectmen to be the best—they therefore recommend to the inhabitants of said town to accept of the road as laid out by them on condition that the Petitioners shall fullfill their former propofals all which is submitted [see page 342 & 404] Samuel Gibson

Samuel Gibson  
Payson Williams.

Voted to choose An Agent, or Agents to remonstrate against the grant of the petition by the Court of Sessions.

### Voted to choose one Agent

Voted and chose William Cunningham Esqr for the said Agent.

### Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest Peter Snow town Cler

[415] 1819 August

Worcester ss. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of  
the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house on monday the Sixth day of September next, at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles.

1 To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will accept of a road laid out from the new-meetinghouse to the south part of the town where it has formerly been laid out, or act any thing respecting said new road they may think proper.

3 To see if the town will revise the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, or make any alteration in said list, or accept the same.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this  
twenty first day of august AD. 1819.

Peter Snow } Selectmen of  
Jos. Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Augt. 23, 1819.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the

the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Sam<sup>l</sup> Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant the town met on monday the Sixth day of September, the meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant

1 Voted and chose Thomas Cowdin Moderator

2 Voted to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen in thir report to the town. [see page 342 & 404 for description.]

Voted to choose a Committee to build the bridge over the river

Voted to choose three for said Committee.

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall Jr Jos. Simonds and Nehemiah Giles.

Voted to Accept the list of Jurors made out by the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[416] 1819 Perambulateing of Town lines

We the Subscribers two of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, & two of the Selectmen of the town of Westminster have this day perambulated and renewed the lines between Said towns as the law of this Commonwealth directs.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of  
John Willard      } Fitchburg.

Jonas W. Whitney } Selectmen of  
Ezra Wood . . . } Westminster.

Fitchburg Oct<sup>r</sup> 20, 1819.

We the subscribers two of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, and two of the Selectmen of the town of Ashburnham have this day perambulated and renewed the lines between said towns, as the law of this Commonwealth directs.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of  
John Willard      } Fitchburg

John Adams Jr } Selectmen of  
Thomas Hobert } Ashburnham.

Fitchburg Oct<sup>r</sup> 20, 1819.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg & Ashby have this day perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the said towns according to a law of this Commonwealth in such cases made & provided

October 21, 1819.

Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen of
John Willard	} Fitchburg.
Cushing Burr	Selectmen of
Robert W. Bur .	} Ashby.

Agreeable to a law of this Commonwealth in such cases we the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Leominster & Fitchburg have this day perambulated the line, and renewed the bounds between said towns

October 22, 1819.

David Wilder	Selectmen of
Joseph G. Kendall	} Leominster
Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen of
John Willard	} Fitchburg

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Lunenburg & Fitchburg; have this day perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds between the said towns according to a law of this Commonwealth.

November 11<sup>th</sup> 1819.

William Jones . .	Selectmen of
Abraham Parce	} Lunenburg
Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen of
John Willard	} Fitchburg

The above recorded by

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Seal town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of this instant January, at one of the clock in the afternoon and when met to act on the following Articles Viz.

- 1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the town will choose a Collector to finish

the collection of the taxes committed to Samuel Parker to collect for the years, 1818 and 1819 or act any thing in regard to chusing said Collector they may think proper

[417] 3 To see if the town will appoint some person or persons to prepare the bond to be given by the Collector who is to be chosen, or act any thing thereon

4 To see if the town will make the owners of the Horse sheds nigh Mr Stephen Dole's any compensation for the ground they bought of said town to set their sheds on or act any thing respecting the said sheds, or ground as they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this 12 day of January AD. 1820.

Peter Snow      } Selectmen  
John Willard    } of  
Jos. Downe Jr. } Fitchburg.

Worcester ss. January 12, 1820

I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested copy thereof on the front of the Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the preceeding Warrant the inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs met on the twenty sixth day of January 1820. The meeting being opened by reading the Warrant

Voted and choose Joseph Down Jr Moderator.

Voted the Selectmen be a Committe to let out the collection of the taxes what remains not collected in the tax bills committed to Samuel Parker to collect for the years 1818 and 1819.

The Committee attended to that busines on the spot, and let out the collection above mentioned to Mr William Carlton he being the lowest bidder for the sum of Two dollars and twenty two cent on the hundred dollars.

Voted and chose William Carlton Collector.

Voted to authorize the town clerk to make out the bond to be given to the town by the Collector.

Voted to pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant  
 Voted to disolve the meeting.

Peter Snow Town Clerk

This may certify that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1820 William Carlton appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Collector of Taxes Before me

John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

True Copy attest . . . Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[418] 1820. March Warrant.

Worcester Es. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby directed, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and for Town officers, to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and when met to act on the following articles. Viz

1. To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To Choose Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and to act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may think proper.
3. To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.
4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary expences the year ensuing.
6. To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer.
7. To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.
8. To see if the Town will vote to let the Swine run at large, under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

9. To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10. To see if the Town will give a bounty on Crows the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

11. To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

12 To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer, or any other person or persons to call on the bondsmen of Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker collector of Taxes for the years 1818 and 1819, for the deficiency in not paying the several Treasurers the money which he collected.—to prosecute to final Judgement if necessary, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

13. To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon.

14. To see what the Town will do in regard to the Petition for the new contemplated road, signed by Jonas Marshall Jun and others, and act any thing thereon they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1820. Peter Snow } Selectmen  
Joseph Downe Jur } of  
John Willard } Fitchburg

Worcester fs Feb. 19, 1820—Pursuant to the within Warrant directed to me by the Selectmen, I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other inhabitants qualified as therein exprefsed to meet at time and place and for the purpofes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

#### [419] 1820, March Proceedings

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and return thereon of notification, the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place, and for the purposes therein exprefed, and on the first article

1 Voted & Chose Wm. Cunningham Esqr Moderator.

2 Walter Johnson Town Clerk—Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Then personally appeared Walter Johnson, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, took the oath required by Law to be taken by a Town Clerk, before Wm Cunningham Esqr.

Attest      Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Voted & Chose

Joseph Downe Jun	Selectmen.	Jos. Downe Jun	Assesors
John Willard		John Willard	
Joseph Simonds		Jos. Simonds	

Jacob Upton	Elnathan Polley
Marshall Hastings	Jacob Gibson
Stephen Dole	Abel French
Asa Sawyer	Daniel Low
Payson Williams	Abram. Osborn
Josiah Caswell	Clark Hilton
Noah Andrews	Sam <sup>l</sup> Sheldon
Levi Farwell	Sam <sup>l</sup> Phelps
Abel Farwell	Abel Downe

Amos Lawrence	Daniel Flint Jur
John Whitecomb	Cyrus Boynton
Peter S. Snow	John Williams
Daniel Low	Jon <sup>a</sup> Farnsworth
Ephm Osborn 3 <sup>d</sup>	John Low
Abijah Pratt	John Campbell
Daniel Works	Benj <sup>a</sup> Hartwell
Sam <sup>l</sup> Sheldon	Jabez Sawyer Jur
David Baldwin Jun	Porter Barton.

Joseph Downe Jun	Cullers of
Nathan Ordway	) Hoops & Staves

Geo. Wood—Pound Keeper	Jos. Farwell Alpheus Kimball Francis Perkins Zach <sup>b</sup> Sheldon Jonas Marshall Jur	Firewards
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Ephm. Osborn 3 <sup>d</sup> Elisha Carter Jacob Upton	Field Drivers
	John Farwell Jon <sup>a</sup> Thurston
	Tytheingmen

Zach <sup>b</sup> Sheldon Israel Wetherbee Isaac Blanchard	Surveyors of Lumber	Jonas Marshall Jur John Willard Edward Smith	Fence Viewers
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## [420] 1820 March Proceedings

Sam <sup>l</sup> Houghton	Joshua Phillips	School Committee
Joshua Goodridge	Edward Smith	
Elijah Brown	Francis Dean	
Jacob Tolman	Amos Sheldon 2 <sup>d</sup>	
Thomas Harris	Jacob Jaquith Jur	
Noah Andrews	Oliver Fox	

1200 for roads

3. Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars for the repair of roads and Bridges the year ensuing, to be laid out the same as last year

1000 Schools

4 Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing, to be appropriated in the same manner as last year

5. Voted to pass over this Article untill the adjournment.

6. Voted to choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer.

Chose Wm. Cunningham, Peter Snow & Thos Cowdin, said Committee

7 Voted that the support of the Poor be let by the Overseers according to their best skill and Judgement.

8 Voted to pass over this article in the warrant

9. Voted to restrain neat Cattle from runing at large

10. Voted that the Town give a bounty on Crows the year ensuing

Voted that the bounty be ten Cents per head, p<sup>d</sup> by the Treasurer to the Inhabitants of the Town for all Crows killed within the limits.

11. This article in the Warrant passed without Vote.

12 Voted to choose Agents to prosecute to final judgement if necessary the Bondsmen of Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker, Collector of Taxes for the years 1818, & 1819 for his deficiencies in the payment into the Treasury of the Taxes which he collected

Voted to choose three agents for theafor esaid purpose.

Voted & Chose Jonas Marshall Jur

Zachariah Sheldon &

Wm. Cunningham Esqr Said Agents.

Treasurer to borrow money

13. Voted that the Town Treasurer be empowered to borrow such sums of money as he shall think necessary for the present exigencies of the Town.

Opposition to the contemplated road

14. Voted to oppose the new contemplated road by Jonas Marshall Jun<sup>r</sup> and others.

Voted choose an agent to appear before the Court of Sessions and make opposition to the laying out of said road.

Voted & Chose Samuel Gibson as agent.

Voted that the Selectmen let out the Collection of Taxes in the same manner as last year, taking bonds for the faithfull collection of the same

Voted to ajourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at one o'clock P. M.

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

#### [421] 1820 March Proceedings

After the adjournment of the meeting the Selectmen, agreeable to a Vote on the 7<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant, let out the support of the Poor to Jacob Upton for 309.75—on conditions hereafter named . . . .

Also the Collection of Taxes for the Town to Daniel Flint for 1.64 on the hundred dollars on condition that he procure bondsmen to the Satisfaction of the Town

Town Officers Sworn On the 6th day of March 1820—Personally appeared the following named persons, and respectively took the oath required by law to be taken by them in the office to which they were chosen as Town Officers. Viz.

Jacob Upton	Levi Farwell	For Highway Surveyors.
Marshall Hastings	Elnathan Polley	
Stephen Dole	Abram Osborn	
Asa Sawyer	Sam! Sheldon	
Josiah Caswell	Abel Downe	

Elisha Carter . . for Field Driver

Sam! Sheldon	For Hogreeves
Porter Barton	
Jon <sup>a</sup> Farnsworth	

X. Ordway—for Culler of hoops & Staves  
Isaac Blanchard for Surveyor of Lumber

Jonas Marshall Jur } for Fence Viewers  
Edward Smith . }

Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

March 10, 1820—Then Payson Williams appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyor Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Mar. 11, 1820. Then Israel Wetherbee appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Surveyor of Lumber. Before me Walter Johnson T. Clerk

April 3, 1820. Then John Willard appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a fence viewer.  
Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

April 11, 1820. Then Zachariah Sheldon, appeared and took the oath required by law to be taken by a Constable Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

April 21, 1820 Then Daniel Flint appeared & took the Oath prescribed by law to be taken by a Constable.  
Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[422] 1820 March Coditions of Supporting the Poor.

Conditions on which the Poor of the Town of Fitchburg were let out for one year, from March 9<sup>th</sup> 1820 to march 9, 1821, Viz. the undertaker to Board, Clothe and comfortably provide for, in Sicknes and health the persons hereafter named. Viz Sam<sup>r</sup> French—Sam<sup>r</sup> French Jun<sup>r</sup> together with his Wife & Child—Meves Beaver Mrs Sally Kimball & Child—Susan Smith—Jonah Spauldin—Tow of Mrs Hodgkins Children—one of Mrs Abigail Benets children—& Oliver Upton till the first of Sept. next, and to leave their Clothes in as good condition as when received.—And if any of the above named persons should decease within the course of the year, the Town to be at the expence of burying, and the Doctors bill if any of them are Sick.

And if any of said Paupers shall elope or run away within said term the undertaker is to bring them back at his own expence, and pay all expence in consequence thereof.—The children above named to have the same advantage of schooling as other children in the district where they reside. The undertaker to have the Benefit of the labor of said Paupers; and receive his pay quarterly in orders drawn on the Town Treasurer.

Let out to Jacob Upton For 309.75

Providing for the above named Paupers was let out to Mr Jacob Upton at publick Auction on the sixth of March Instant for the sum of three hundred and nine dollars and Seventy five Cents

Jacob Upton Undertaker

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen

John Willard } and

Joseph Simonds } Overseers of the Poor

A True Copy, Attest, Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Worcester fs. March 25<sup>th</sup> 1820. Then Mefsr Joseph Downe Jur John Willard, and Jos. Simonds took the Oath required by law to be taken, as asseffors of the Town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing

Also, the said Downe, Willard, and Simonds then took the Oath required by law to be taken by Selectmen respecting elections and returns for the year ensuing

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

A True Copy. Attest. Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

1820. August. 7. Then appeared John Williams and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Hogreve, he being duly chosen to that office in the Town of Fitchburg. Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[423] Adjournment of March Meeting

April 3<sup>d</sup> 1820 Town met according to adjournment at March meeting.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer, which is hereinafter recorded.

2000 for necessary Expences

Voted to raise two thousand dollars to defray the necessary and current expences of the Town the year ensuing . . . . .

Voted to accept the resignation of Jonas Marshall Jur. Zachariah Sheldon & Wm. Cunningham Esqr, who were chosen agents to prosecute the Bondsmen of Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker to final Judgement, if it were necessary.

Moved & seconded to choose one agent to prosecute the said Bondsmen as aforesaid . . . Negatived.

Voted to pass over the 12<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant, which relates to appointing some person or persons to prosecute, the Bondsmen of Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker to final judgement, if necessary.

Voted to accept of Capt Francis Dean and Elnathan Polley as Bondsmen of Daniel Flint, to whom was let out the collection of Taxes for the Town, at 1.64 on the hundred dollars . . . .

Collector Voted & Chose Daniel Flint Collector.

Constables Voted & Chose Daniel Flint Constable

Voted & Chose Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Wm Cunningham Moderator

Attest— Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

1820 Report of Committee to settle with the Treasurer  
Fitchburg Mar 29, 1820

The subscribers, chosen by the Town of Fitchburg, a committee to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, submit the following statement.

The Treasurer . . . . .	Dr.
To the ball <sup>c</sup> in his hands on the adjustment of his accounts Ap <sup>l</sup> 3, 1819 . . . . .	\$20.80
To Cash, received at Sundry times, of Sam <sup>l</sup> Par- ker in completion of said Parkers Collection of the Town Tax for the year 1818 . . . . .	619.32
To Cash received at Sundry times, of Sam <sup>l</sup> Par- ker on acc <sup>t</sup> of his Collection for the year 1819	271.58

To Cash rec'd of Wm. Carlton, on account of Taxes uncollected by Sam'l Parker, an absconding Collector, and Since, duly committed for collection to said Carlton . . . . . 1194.20

Carried forward— \$2105.90

[424] 1820 March Adj't

Treasurers account brought forward . . . . .	\$2105.90
To Cash received of John Phillips for conditional exemption from Military duty . . . . .	2.—
To ball <sup>c</sup> due the Treasurer . . . . .	33.08
	\$2140.98

The Treasurer . . . . . Cr.

By Orders drawn on him by the Selectmen which he has paid, & which we have compared with the Selectmens Records, checked them thereon, & destroyed them . . . . .	2128.98
By his Services as Treasurer . . . . .	12.—
	\$2140.98

Of the Taxes committed to the collection of Wm Carlton, 69.43 of the State Tax remains unpaid, of the year 1818—and of the Town Taxes committed to him to collect for the year 1819—21.98 remain unpaid.

Samuel Parker at the time of his absconding, had collected, it appears of the Tax of 1819, 739.80 more than he paid into the Treasury.

The deficiencies of Parker with the Sums now in the hands of the collector, would overpay the debts against the Town on the first of this month, about the Sum of 500 dollars—but the sum in the hand of the collector is insufficient to pay those debts by about 175 dollars.

Wm. Cunningham  
Peter Snow  
Thomas Cowdin } Committee.  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer.

A True Copy Attest, Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

1820.—April

Worcester Es To Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. . . . . Greeting.

L S You are hereby required in the name of the com-  
 L S monwealth of Mafsachusetts to warn the male in-  
 L S habitants of the Said Town of Fitchburg qualified  
     by the Constitution to vote for governour and Lieut  
 Governor, and those who are thereby qualified to vote  
 for Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the meetinghouse  
 on monday the third day of April next, at two o'clock in  
 the afternoon to give in their votes for Governour, Lieut.  
 Governor, and Senators & Counsellors, agreeably to the  
 Constitution of said commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this  
 thirteenth day of March AD. 1820.

Joseph Downe Jur	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Joseph Simonds		Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Mar 18, 1820. By Virtue of the within  
 warrant to me directed I have notified and warned, as  
 the law directs, the freeholders & others, qualified as  
 within, mentioned to meet at the time and place and for  
 the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable for Fitchburg.

[425] 1820—April Meeting. Governour &c—

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
 of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, and common-  
 wealth of Mafsachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to  
 vote for Governour, Lieut Governour, Senators and Coun-  
 sellors, holden on the third day of April, being the first  
 monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thou-  
 sand eight hundred & twenty, for the purpose of giving  
 in their Votes for Governour, Lieut Governour, Senators  
 and Counsellors of said commonwealth. Votes for the  
 following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and dec-  
 laration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed,  
 Viz.

Governour

For His Excellency John Brooks . . . . .	107.
“ Hon. William Eustis . . . . .	103.

## Lieut Goverour

For His Honor William Phillips . . . . .	107
" Hon Benj <sup>a</sup> Austin . . . . .	103

## Senators and Counsellors.

For Hon Stephen P. Gardner . . . . .	107
Aaron Tufts . . . . .	107
Lewis Bigelow . . . . .	106
Samuel Eastman . . . . .	107
Levi Lincoln Jun . . . . .	102
Calvin Willard Esqr . . . . .	101
Col <sup>o</sup> Henry Sargent . . . . .	103
Maj <sup>r</sup> James Estabrook . . . . .	103
Col <sup>o</sup> Edmund Cushing . . . . .	1
Joel Crosby Esqr . . . . .	1
Capt Nathan Howe . . . . .	1

Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen  
John Willard     } of  
Joseph Simonds   } Fitchburg

Attest.   Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

## 1820. Apl. for Town businefs

Worcester fs To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Seal. Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and Seal. warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the meetinghouse on monday the third day of Apl next at four o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles— Viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will allow Jacob Uptons account for the burying of Eph<sup>m</sup> Smith, Jonathan Ware, and Wife, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see what the Town will do with the cloathing, and other materials, that belonged to Jonathan Wares & wife or act any thing thereon.

Given—

[426] 1820—April Meeting for Town Businefs

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of March AD 1820.

Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
                      } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. March 21. 1820 By virtue of the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned as the law directs, the freeholders and others, qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within expresfed.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants being legally afsembled at the meetinghouse, as directed; on the first article

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & chose Wm Cunningham Esqr Moderator.

2<sup>d</sup> Voted that the Selectmen allow Jacob Upton, thirty three dollars in full for his bill (the amount of which is 48.50) for the burial of Ephraim Smith, Jonathan Ware & wife

Voted that three dollars be added to the above sum of 33 dollars

3<sup>d</sup> Voted that the clothing and other articles, left by Jonathan Wares & Wife, Paupers, deceased, be distributed, by the Selectmen, among their heirs, as, in their judgement, shall be equitable.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Wm. Cunningham Esqr Moderator

Attest . . . . Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

May 1820 For Representatives

To Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and Seal warn the male inhabitants of Said Town, being Seal twenty one years of age, and resident in Said Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a free-hold estate within Said Town, of the annual income of

ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meetinghouse in Said Town on monday the first day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the general court appointed to be convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands & Seals at said Fitchburg this thirteenth day of April AD. 1820

Joseph Downe Jur	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Joseph Simonds		Fitchburg

[427] 1820 May

Fitchburg May 1820. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the inhabitants of said Fitchburg, to meet at the time & place, and for the purpose therein expressed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg.

Voted not to Send a Representative

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by the constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at the meetinghouse, in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day May, 1820 at one o'clock P M.

It was moved & Seconded not to send a representative the present year—which passed in the affirmative.

Moved that the meeting be dissolved, passed in the affirmative Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

To Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Seal. commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and Seal. warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Seal. Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and for the choice of Town officers, to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the first day of May next, at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.—Viz.—

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will discontinue a certain road on land of Sylvanus Lapham and Elnathan Polley, or act any thing thereon. . . . .

3<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will again take into consideration the appointment of an agent or agents, to prosecute to final Judgement and execution the bondsmen of Samuel Parker, an absconding collector for deficiencies of not paying to the several Treasurers, money by him collected on taxbills committed to him for the years 1818 & 1819. . . . .

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorise the agent or agents they may appoint, in concurrence with their Selectmen to make a Settlement with said bondsmen at any time previous to, or after prosecution, or act any thing in respect to giving such authority they may think proper

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will make any further compensation to Jacob Upton for Funeral expences of paupers. . . . .

6<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will accept the resignation of their Afsefors, chosen at the annual meeting in march last, and choose others to supply their places. . . . .

Given under our hands and Seals this thirteenth day of April AD. 1820                      Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen  
    John Willard        } of said  
    Joseph Simonds    } Town

[428] 1820 May For Town affairs

Fitchburg May , 1820 As directed in the within warrant, I have notified & warned the freeholders and other inhabitants in said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, held at the meetinghouse, on monday the first day of May, at three o'clock P. M. AD 1820 for Town businefs, on the first articles

1<sup>st</sup>. Voted & Chose Calvin Willard Esqr. Moderator.

2<sup>d</sup> Moved & Seconded to pass over the Second article in the warrant passed in the affirmative. . . . .

3<sup>d</sup> Moved & Seconded — to choose an agent or agents to prosecute to final Judgement & execution, the bondsmen of Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker an absconding collector for his deficiencies in not paying into the several Treasurers the money collected by him on Taxbills committed to him to collect for the years 1818. & 1819. . . . .

house polled, this passed in the affirmative. . . . .

Moved & Second<sup>d</sup> to choose one agent passed in the affirmative. . . . .

Moved & Second<sup>d</sup> to choose said agent by ballot — negatived. . . . .

Moved & Second<sup>d</sup> to choose said agent by nomination, passed in the affirmative

Moved & Second<sup>d</sup> to reconsider the vote passed "to choose said agent by nomination," passed in the affirmative.

Moved & See<sup>d</sup> to choose one agent agreeable to the 3<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant, house being polled passed in the affirmative. . . . .

Moved & See<sup>d</sup> to choose said agent by ballot, passed in affirmative. . . . .

Voted & chose Wm. Cunningham Esqr said agent. . .

4<sup>th</sup> Moved & See<sup>d</sup> to pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant, passed in affirmative

Moved & See<sup>d</sup> to reconsider the Vote to pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant passed in the affirmative. . . .

Moved & See<sup>d</sup>, that the Selectmen be joined with the agent chosen by the Town, and that they be instructed to settle with the bondsmen of said Parker, without prosecution if practicable, otherwise to prosecute to final Judgement and execution

5<sup>th</sup> Moved & Seconded to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant. In the affirmative

6—Moved & See<sup>d</sup> to pass over the 6<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant. In the affirmative

Moved & Seconded, & Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Calvin Willard Moderator

Attest,

Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

[429] 1820. June

Worcester fs. To Capt. Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg, . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Seal Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet at the meetinghouse in said Town on monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June instant at three of the Clock P. M. & when met to act on the following articles, Viz. . .

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will direct the bond, given by Phillip F. Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell to the Inhabitants of said Town as sureties of Samuel Parker for the year 1819, to be given up to said sureties, or to be cancelled without any terms, or upon such Terms as the Town may think proper; or act any thing respecting said bond, or the prosecution thereof, which may then be thought best. . . .

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will direct their assessors to leave out of their Town assessment, any part of the sum voted at the adjournment of the annual meeting in march last, or act any thing thereon the Town may deem proper.

Given under our hands and seals this fifth day of June AD 1820.

Joseph Downe Jun <sup>r</sup>	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Joseph Simonds	Fitchburg	

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned. Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg.

1820 June 26—Agreeable to the foregoing warrant & return, the Town being assembled, and on the first article.

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & chose Joseph Downe Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator.

2<sup>d</sup> Moved and Seconded to pass over the Second article in the warrant meeting being polled, passed in the negative. . . .

Moved by Ephm Kimball Jun & Seconded by Asa Far-

well, that the sureties of Samuel Parker, an absconding collector, be discharged from the bond given by them to the Town, for the year 1819, by their paying two hundred dollars, and transferring a mortgage, held by them, from said Parker, to the Town. Meeting polled & passed in the affirmative

Moved by Wm. Cunningham Esqr & Seconded by Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Jun, that the Sureties on the Bond of Samuel Parker, for the year 1819, within thirty days next ensuing, pay into the hands of the Treasurer of the Town of Fitchburg, the sum of two hundred dollars, or shall give security to the said Treasurer, to his acceptance for the said sum, payable within one year with Interest, and make, besides, a transfer of a mortgage received by them of said Parker, for their security, and on their performance of these things the said Treasurer shall give a receipt in behalf of the Town, in full discharge of the said sureties, from further accountability on the said Instrument.

Passed in the affirmative.

[430] 1820—June Town affairs

3<sup>d</sup> Art.—Moved & Voted that the Assessors leave out any part of the money, raised at the adjourned march meeting in April last, as, in their judgement, shall be unnecessary to be assessed. . . .

Voted, that Wm. Cunningham Esqr, the agent chosen by the Town, on the first day of May last, to Settle with, or prosecute to final Judgement, if necessary, the Bondsmen of Samuel Parker, an absconding collector, be discharged from that trust, on the fulfillment of the said Bondsmen, of the condition, prescribed by the Town under the Second article in the warrant.

Voted to dissolve the meeting. . . .

Joseph Downe Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Attest. . . . Walter Johnson Town Clerk

July 1820

On the expediency of choosing Delegates to meet in Convention

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg,  
Greeting.

Seal In pursuance of an act of the general Court,  
Seal passed June 16, 1820, entitled "An act relating to  
calling of a convention of Delegates of the people,  
for the purpose of revising the Constitution." You are  
hereby required, in the name of the commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the constitution  
to vote in the choice of Senators and Representatives  
in said Court, to assemble and meet at the meeting-house  
in said Town, on monday the twenty first day of August  
next, at three of the Clock P. M. to give in their votes  
by ballot, on the following question. "Is it expedient  
that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for  
the purpose of revising, or altering, the constitution of  
Government of this Commonwealth"

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg  
the 22<sup>d</sup> day of July AD. 1820

Joseph Down Jun<sup>r</sup> } Selectmen of  
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and  
warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg as  
herein directed, to meet at the time & place as within, by  
posting up a warrent fourteen days before the day herein  
mentioned.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution  
to vote for Senators or Representatives, holden on  
the twenty first day of August being the third mon-  
day of Said month, in the year of our Lord one thou-  
sand eight hundred and twenty, pursuant to a law  
of this Commonwealth, for the purpose of giving  
in their votes, by ballot, on the following question,  
"Is it expedient that delegates Should be chosen, to

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meet in Convention, for the purpose of Revising or alter-  
ing the Constitution of Government of this Common-  
wealth."

Yeaes 85 Nays 00

The whole number of votes were, in open Town meeting received, Sorted, Counted and declared, and record thereof made as follows:

For the said measure, there were. Eighty five Votes.  
And against the said measure, these were, . . . Votes.

Joseph Downe Jun.	Selectmen
John Willard	of
Joseph Simonds	Fitchburg.

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

Sept. 1820 For the Choice of Delegates

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and  
Seal warn the male Inhabitants of Said Town being  
twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town for  
the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold  
estate within said Town of the annual income of ten dol-  
lars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars,  
to assemble and meet at the meeting-house in said Town  
on monday the Sixteenth day of October next, at one of  
the cloek P. M. to elect one or more Delegates, to meet  
Delegates from other Towns, in convention at Boston, on  
the third Wednesday of November next for the purpose  
of Revising the Constitution of Government of this Com-  
monwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg  
this thirtieth day of Sept. AD. 1820

Joseph Downe Jur	Selectmen
Joseph Simonds	of Fitchburg.

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have  
notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed  
by posting up a warrant at the meeting-house fourteen  
days before the said day of meeting

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable

Elected—C. Willard & John Shepley Delegates

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth the Inhab-

itants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, qualified according to the Constitution, to vote for Representatives in the General Court, having been duly convened in Town meeting, on the sixteenth day of October, being the third monday of said month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & twenty, to elect two Delegates to meet Delegates from other Towns in convention, at Boston, on the third Wednesday of November next for the purpose of Revising the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth, did then and there elect Calvin Willard and John Shepley Esqrs to be their Delegates for the purpusses aforesaid.

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg  
Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Attest

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Worcester fs.—

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
\* \* \* \* \* Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and  
Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants qual-  
ified as required by law to vote in the Choice of  
Representatives to the General Court of this Common-  
wealth, to assemble and meet at the meetinghouse in said  
Town on Monday the Sixth day of November next, at  
one o'clock in the afternoon, to give their Votes for a  
Representative to Congrefs for the Worcester North Dis-  
trict. Given under our hands & Seals, and Dated at  
Fitchburg this sixteenth day of October AD 1820

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg

Worcester fs Pursuant to the within warrant I have  
notified the inhabitants as within directed by posting up  
a warrant at the meeting house fourteen days before the  
day of meeting Zachariah Sheldon Constable

## For Representative to Congress

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the Sixth day of November, being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the Said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District: Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed. To wit:

For Hon. Jonas Kendall Esqr thirty five Votes

Edmund Cushing Esqr thirty three Votes

Timothy Whiting Esqr one Vote

Hon Lewis Bigelow Esqr—one Vote

Edman Cheshen Esqr two Votes.

Joseph Downe Jun | Selectmen

John Willard      } of

Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg.

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Attest—

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Worcester ss—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

Greeting—You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in the Choice of Representatives, to assemble and meet at the meeting-house in said Town, on monday the Sixth day of November next at two of the Clock P. M. to give in their votes for one Elector of President and Vice President of the United States, for the Worcester North District, Also for two Electors to be chosen by the people at large.

Given under our hands & Seals this    day of October  
AD 1820

Joseph Downe Jun | Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I notified the inhabitants as within directed by posting up a warrant at the meetinghouse fourteen days before the day of meeting.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on monday the Sixth day of November, being the first monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty, for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Elector of President and Vice President of the United States, for the Worcester North District, and for two Electors to be chosen by the People at Large; Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed.

To wit; For Electors at Large.

His Honor Wm. Phillips Esqr thirty Seven Votes

Hon. Wm. Gray Esqr thirty Seven Votes

Hon. Benj<sup>a</sup> W. Crowninshield Esqr thirty three Votes

Hon Levi Lincoln Esqr thirty three Votes

For Worcester North District

Hon. Thomas H. Blood Esqr thirty seven Votes

Moses Thomas Esqr thirty three Votes

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg.

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

#### [434] 1821 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the Town of the Town of Fitchburg, . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and for the choice of Town Officers, to meet and assemble at

the meeting-house in said Town on monday the fifth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles—Viz. . . . .

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the ensuing year, or act any thing thereon.

4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

5<sup>th</sup> To see what sum, or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary expences the year ensuing.

6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer.

7<sup>th</sup> To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will let the swine run at large, under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing

9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen, and act any thing thereon.

11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon

12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will notify Mr Ephm Kimball Jun that they are unwilling, any longer to support the bridge near the scythe Factory of Mefsrs Farwells & Kimballs, or act any thing thereon.

13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will discontinue a road laid out through land of Jacob McIntire, for the benefit of Daniel McIntire. . . . .

Given under our hands and seals, this twelfth day of  
Feb. AD. 1821. Joseph Downe Jun John Willard Joseph Simonds Selectmen of  
Fitchburg.

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as within directed by posting up a warrant fourteen days at least before the day within mentioned.

## Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

A true copy Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[435] 1821 Proceedings at March Meeting

The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg duly qualified by law, to vote in Town affairs, & for the choice of Town Officers, being legally assembled on the fifth day of March 1821, and on the first article in the warrant

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Voted & Chose Payson Williams Moderator, to which succeeded the reading of the list of Voters,— Prayers by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Eaton & the reading the Riot act, and the act against profane cursing and Swearing.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> Voted & Chose Walter Johnson, Town Clerk,  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

" Joseph Downe Jur } Select- Joseph Downe Jur  
 " John Willard men John Willard } Afsefsors  
 " Joseph Simonds Joseph Simonds

Voted to adjourn for three fourths of an hour.—Met according to adjournment

### Voted & Chose

Joshua Goodridge	Elijah M <sup>c</sup> Intire Jun
Wm. Cunningham	Israel Wetherbee
Enoch Caldwell	Joseph Carter
Phillip F. Cowdin	Benja. Wheeler
Daniel Tuttle	Tim. F. Downe
Samuel Gibson Jur	Thaddens Gray
Luther Gibson	Benj <sup>a</sup> Herrick
Benj <sup>a</sup> Brown	Jos. M <sup>c</sup> Intire
Samuel Smith	Ephm. Osborn 3 <sup>d</sup>
Amos Wheeler 2 <sup>d</sup>	Highway Surveyors.

Daniel Lapham	Josiah Hartwell	Hogreeves
Oliver Haskell	Eben <sup>r</sup> Hutchinson Jur	
Joseph Simonds	Asa P. Cowdin	
John Andrews	Sam. <sup>r</sup> W. Harris	
Artemas Simonds	Josiah G. Pierce	
Abram. Osborne	Eliakim Davis	
Arrington Gibson		
Joseph Downe Jur	Nathan Ordway—	
	Cullers of Hoops & Staves	
Jonas Marshall Jur	Zachariah Sheldon	
Jabez Sawyer Jur	John Phillips	Firewards.
Martin Newton		
George Wood	Pound keeper	
Thaddeus Gray, Daniel Low, James Cowdin	Field drivers	
Joseph Farwell—Tytheingman		
Jos. Upton, Israel Wetherbee, Zach <sup>h</sup> Sheldon,—		
	Surveyors of lumber	
Oliver Fox, Ephm. Kimball Jur Asa Farwell—Fenceviewers		
[436] 1821 March Continued		
Walter Johnson	Wm. Carter	
Jacob Upton	Wm. Carlton	
Alpheus Boutell	Eben <sup>r</sup> Thurston 2 <sup>d</sup>	School Committee
Paul Boynton	Nathan Ordway	
David Baldwin	John Andrews	
Thomas Eaton	Daniel Low	

Voted to pafs over the choice of a collector untill the adjournment.

Voted to choose a committee of three to let out the Collection of Taxes —

Voted that the Selectmen be said Committee

Voted that said committee let out the Collection of Taxes at auction to the lowest bidder, takeing sufficient sureties for the faithfull discharge of that trust.

Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all Taxes committed to him for collection, before, or at, the adjournment of the annual March meeting, and that he shall receive no compensation, for any Taxes collected after said adjournment, except such as cannot be legally collected.

Art. 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to raise 1000 dollars to repair the Highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

Voted to allow twelve Cents per hour at the highways

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise 800 dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year

Voted that the school money be laid in the same proportion as last year

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article untill the adjournment.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose a committee of three to Settle with the Treasurer

Voted & Chose John Willard Oliver Fox & Jonas Marshall Ju for Said Committee

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Poor be let out, at the discretion of the Selectmen

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> Voted that neat Cattle be restrained from running at large.

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article, untill it shall be called up.

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article untill the adjournment.

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Town inform Mr Ephm. Kimball Jur. that they are unwilling, any longer, to support the bridge near the Seythe Manufactory of Mefsrs Farwells & Kimballs. . . .

Voted that the Town Clerk notify Mr Kimball at this time & was notified accordingly. . . .

Art. 13—Voted to pass this article untill the adjournment. . . .

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Attest— Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[437] 1821 Town Officers Sworn

March 6. Personally appeared Walter Johnson before Wm Cunningham Esqr and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Town Clerk. . . .

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

Mar. 8. 1821. Josiah Hartwell, appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Hoggreeve,—  
before me, Walter Johnson T. Clerk

March 14. 1821. The following Persons appeared and took the Oath required by law, to be taken by each in the respective Offices to which they were chosen Viz  
Thaddeus Gray Highway Surveyor

April 2<sup>d</sup> 1821 — Joseph Downe Jur, John Willard & Joseph Simonds appeared & took the oath for the faithfull discharge of their duty as Selectmen, having been duly chosen to that office, in regard to elections & returns

Oliver Fox as fence viewer

Benjamin Herrick as Highway Surveyor.

Zachariah Sheldon as Constable

James Cowdin—Fielddriver

Artemas Simonds—Sealer of Weights & Measures

Joseph Simonds—Town Treasurer

William Carlton Constable & Collector

Worcester fs. Oct. 30, 1821. Then Ephm. Kimball Jur personally appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken to qualify him to discharge the duty of fence viewer for the Town of Fitchburg

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

April 2<sup>d</sup> 1821. The inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assembled according to adjournment, at their annual march meeting

Voted to accept the report of their committee, chosen to settle with their Treasurer, & which is as follows, Viz

Fitchburg March 30, 1821

The subscribers, a committee chosen by the Town at their annual meeting on the fifth instant, for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer, offer the following report.—Viz.

The Treasurer . . . . .	Dr	
To cash hired by him for the use of the Town . .	\$438.00	
" the proceeds of Sale of a Cow improved by the late Mr Wares . . . . .	12.—	
" Cash paid by Marshall Hastings & John Phil- lips for conditional exemption from Mili- tary duty . . . . .	4.—	
" Cash paid by the Town of Groton for pro- viding for Mrs Bathsheba Farnsworth, & the family of Moses Sawtell . . . . .	26.96	
" payment by Wm. Carlton on 1818. Tax bill .	36.65	
" payment by Dan'l Flint on his collection for the year 1820 . . . . .	1924.80	
		<u>\$2422.41</u>

Carried forward—

[438] 1821 Treasury report	
Treasury report brought forward. . . Dr. . .	<u>\$2442.41</u>

The Treasurer . . . . .	Cr	
By Ballance due him on the last Settlement . .	\$33.08	
" payment of Orders drawn on him by the Se- lectmen . . . . .	2398.62	
" Interest paid by him on Cash borrowed for the use of the Town . . . . .	3.49	
" Cash paid for 151 Crows heads . . . . .	15.10	
" Loss on 30\$ of bills of Wiscasset & Wol. & Augusta Banks . . . . .	15.—	
" his Services as Treasurer the year past . . .	<u>12.—</u>	
		<u>\$2477.29</u>
Ballance due the Treasurer . . . . .	\$34.88	

We find due the Town from Wm. Carlton on 1818. Tax bills . . . . .	32.78
Due from the Same on 1819 Tax bills . . . . .	21.98
Due from Daniel Flint 1820 Tax including his fees for collection . . . . .	666.80
We find in the Treasury a note signed by Thomas Eaton and Benja Fuller dated May 15, 1820. payable in one year from date, on Interest in	

Six months from that time, It being for Saml Parkers delinquencies on a State Tax for the year 1818—Sum . . . . .	46.70
We find, also, in the Treasury a note signed by Phillip F. Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell dated June 26 <sup>th</sup> 1820 — payable in one year from date with Interest — It being towards Saml Parkers delinquencies on his collection for the year 1819 sum . . . . .	200.—
We find the Town is owing the above stated sum hired by the Treasurer for the Towns use — exclusive of Interest on the same . . . . .	438.—
We find due the Several school districts the sum of	304.03
We also find on the selectmens book of records of unsatisfied orders the Sum of . . . . .	176.76

John Willard  
Jonas Marshall Jur } Committee  
Oliver Fox . . .  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer.

### 1000.\$ For necessary expences

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the current and necessary expences of the Town the year ensuing.

The committee chosen by the Town to let out the collection of Taxes presented the following report, Viz

Fitchburg Mar. 5, 1821

The subscribers, a committee chosen by the Town for the purpose of letting out the collection of Taxes for the present year, report as follows Viz—

That we proceeded by public vendue to let out Said collection to the lowest bidder on the hundred dollars, on the following conditions,—Viz, that he give bonds to the acceptance of the Town for the faithfull discharge of his duty as collector, and, in case of his not collecting and paying over the several sums contained in his tax-bills according to the directions, in his warrant from the assessors, before the first monday in April, which will be in the year of our Lord 1822, he is to receive no fees for the collection of—

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of such delinquencies, except in cases in which he cannot levy and collect the same by law.

Struck off to Wm. Carlton at 1.71 on the hundred dollars.

Joseph Downe Jur	}
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Committee

Voted to accept the doings of aforesaid committee, and of Wm. Carter and John Badeoek as bondsmen for Wm Carlton, for the faithfull discharge, & fulfillment of the conditions, on which he takes the collection of Taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted & Chose Wm. Carlton,—Collector

“ Wm Carlton & Zachariah Shelden, Constables

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the meeting for voteing for Governour &C is closed.

According to adjournment, the meeting being again opened

Voted to excuse Capt. Benja Wheeler from serving as Highway surveyor

Voted &, Chose Jotham Wright instead of Capt Wheeler for surveyor

Voted to pass over the 10<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant untill the adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 o'clock P. M. Attest Walter Johnson, Town Clerk

April 9, 1821 Met according to ajournment, the meeting being being opened, Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the day of May Meeting at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

May 7, 1821. At 3 o'clock P. M. The Town being convened according to adjournment.

Voted that the 10<sup>th</sup> article be passed over without day.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town, if necesary.

Voted that Col<sup>o</sup> Boynton be excuesed from serving as a school committee

Voted & Chose Nathan Tolman in lieu of Col<sup>o</sup> Boynton excused.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Payson Williams Moderator

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

[440] 1821—April Warrant for Gov<sup>r</sup> & Lt. Govr & Senators

To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
. . . . . Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and  
Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Fitch-  
Seal burg, of twenty one years' of age and upwards hav-  
ing a freehold estate within the commonwealth of the  
annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value  
of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting-house in  
said Town, on monday the second day of April next, at  
two of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes  
for a Governoour, Liut. Governoour; and Senators and  
Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Com-  
monwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg  
this twelfth day of March AD. 1821.

Joseph Downe Ju	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Joseph Simonds	Fitchburg	

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as  
within directed, by posting up a warrant fourteen days  
at least before said day within mentioned.

Zachariah Shelden, Constable.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-  
burg, assembled at the time & place, and for the purposes  
mentioned in the preceeding warrant, Votes for the follow-  
ing persons were given in, Sorted, counted, and declara-  
tion thereof made as by the constitution is directed, Viz

Votes for Gov<sup>r</sup> &C

	For Governor	
His Excellency John Brooks . . . . .		97
Hon Wm. Eustis . . . . .		99
	For Lieutenant Governor	
His Hon. Wm. Phillips . . . . .		97
Hon. Levi Lincoln . . . . .		100
	For Senators & Counsellors	
Hon. Aaron Tufts . . . . .		96
Gen! Salem Towne Jur . . . . .		94
John Shepley Esqr . . . . .		95
Nathan! Jones Esqr . . . . .		95
Hon. Jonas Sibley . . . . .		99
Warren Rawson Esqr . . . . .		99
James Estabrook Esqr . . . . .		99
Moses Thomas Esqr . . . . .		99
Gen! Salem Towne . . . . .		2
	Attest	
	Joseph Downe J } Selectmen John Willard      of Joseph Simonds J Fitchburg Walter Johnson Town Clerk	

[441] 1821 Warrant for Convention meeting  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in the choice of Senators or Representatives in the general Court, to assemble and meet at the meetinghouse in said Town, on monday the ninth day of April next, at one of the Clock P. M to give in their Votes by ballot for, or against each of the fourteen articles of amendment to the constitution of this Commonwealth, pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention of Delegates, assembled at Boston, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November AD 1820

Pursuant to the within warrant I notified as within directed by posting up a warrant to the inhabitants fourteen days before said day mentioned within

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### Town of Fitchburg County of Worcester.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants, Freeholders and others, of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives, holden on the second monday of April AD 1821, pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention of Delegates, afsemlled at Boston on the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> AD 1820 for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

#### Votes on Amendments

The votes on the Several amendments submitted by the convention were as follows,

Article 1 <sup>st</sup> —yeas 41—nays 53	Article 8 <sup>th</sup> yeas 87—nays 10
Article 2 <sup>d</sup> —yeas 83—nays 17	Article 9 <sup>th</sup> yeas 51—nays 15
Article 3 <sup>d</sup> —yeas 81 nays 16	Article 10 <sup>th</sup> yeas 29—nays 61
Article 4 <sup>th</sup> yeas 48 nays 31	Article 11 <sup>th</sup> yeas 65—nays 24
Article 5 <sup>th</sup> yeas 35 nays 59	Article 12 <sup>th</sup> yeas 52—nays 37
Article 6 <sup>th</sup> yeas 65 nays 21	Article 13 <sup>th</sup> yeas 68—nays 21
Article 7 <sup>th</sup> yeas 51 nays 31	Article 14 <sup>th</sup> yeas 55—nays 37

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

{ Selectmen of  
Fitchburg }

### [442] 1821 Warrant For May Meeting Representatives

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold estate within said Town of the annual income of ten

dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg,  
this Sixteenth day of April A. D. 1821.

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg,

Voted not to Send a Representative—

The inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assembled, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, at the time and place, and for the purpose therein mentioned—the meeting being opened by reading the warrant.

It was Moved and Seconed, not to send a representative to the General Court the Current year

Passed in the affirmative.

### Warrant for Town Business

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg,  
Greeting.

Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said  
Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble  
and meet at the meetinghouse in said Town on Monday  
the seventh day of May next, at four o'clock P. M.  
and when met to act on the following articles, Viz.

**1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting**

2<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will sell, and transfer their right and title, in and too, a Mortgage deed of certain

real estate therein described, signed by Samuel Parker to Phillip F. Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell, and transferred by them to the Inhabitants of Said Town—and act any thing relative thereto which may be thought proper

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of April AD. 1821.

Joseph Downe Ju } Selectmen of  
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable.

Apl. 20, 1821. Fitchburg

[443] 1821 May—Town Business

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon, the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assembled at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named, on the first article

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & Chose Payson Williams Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to sell and convey, or to dispose of the land or Mortgage, as described in the warrant, as they shall think best, for the interest of the Town.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Payson Williams Moderator

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Afsefors Sworn

Fitchburg May 9, 1821. Then personally appeared Joseph Downe Ju John Willard & Joseph Simonds, and took the Oath prescribed by law to be taken by Afsefors, they having been duly chosen as such in the Town of Fitchburg.— The said Downe, Willard & Simonds took the Oath, to do & perform the whole duty of Afsefors, as directed and enjoined by an act of this Commonwealth, made in the present year, entitled "an act to ascertain the rateable estate within this commonwealth."

Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Sept 1821 Warrant for Town Business

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn, the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the meeting-house on Tuesday the second day of October next at two of the clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup>. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will grant liberty to any of the inhabitants to erect Tombs in either of the burying yards, or act any thing thereon

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will any longer Credit on the notes signed by Samuel Parkers sureties or act any thing thereon.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will direct their Selectmen to provide for the support of Susan Gibson, for a term of time at the Insane Hospital at Charlestown, or act anything thereon. . . . .

5<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will provide buckets for the engine Company,—or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth day of  
Sept. AD. 1821 Joseph Downe Jur { Selectmen of  
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Sept. 18. 1821.

I have notified the inhabitants of said Town as with-  
in directed Zachariah Sheldon - Constable

[444] 1821 Sept.

The inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assembled agreeable to the preceding Warrant & return thereon, on the first article in the warrant.

1<sup>st</sup> Voted, & Chose Joseph Downe Jur Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered to lay out ground, and grant liberty from year to year, to the inhabitants of the Town, to erect Tombs in either of the burving grounds. . . . v.

3<sup>d</sup> Voted, that the Sureties of Samuel Parker, a delinquent Collector, have a further time of one year from the day on which they become payable, for the payment thereof. . . .

Voted, that the Town will not grant the request of Benjamin Fuller which was to see if the Town would relinquish him, in the same proportion they had Cowdin & Caldwell.

4<sup>th</sup> Voted, that this article lay over untill an adjournment of this meeting.

5<sup>th</sup> Voted, that the Town provide ten pair Leather Buckets for the engine Company.

Voted, that a Committee of 3 be Chosen to procure said Buckets.

Voted, & Chose, Jonas Marshall Jur Doct. P Snow & Capt. Z. Sheldon for said Committee.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> next at 3 o'clock P. M.

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Monday Nov. 12. At 3 o'clock P. M. Agreeable to adjournment, the Town being assembled, proceeded to act on the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant, when it was moved & Seconded that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to provide for the support of Susan Gibson, at the insane Hospital in Charlestown, until April next. Passed in the affirmative.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Warrant for meeting to vote for Register of Deeds

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg, . . . . . Greeting.

Pursuant to a warrant from the Justices of the  
 ( ) Court of Sessions for the County of Worcester, you  
 ( ) are hereby required in the name of the Common-  
 ( ) wealth of Massachussets to notify and warn the free-  
 -holders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified, by  
 law to vote in the choice of Register of Deeds, to assem-

ble and meet at the meetinghouse, in said Town, on monday, the twelfth day of November next, at two of the clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose some persons to count and sort the votes which may be given in at the meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> For said qualified voters to give in their votes by ballot for some discreet, suitable person, having a free-hold within said County of at least the annual income of ten pounds, for a Register of deeds.

Carried forward —

[445] 1821 Nov.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this second day of Oct. AD. 1821

Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Pursuant to this warrant I have notified and warned as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, qualified by law to vote in the choice of a Register of Deeds, holden at said Fitchburg in pursuance of the above warrant, on the twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one;—

The said Inhabitants brought in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County of Worcester; and the same being sorted & counted, in open Town-meeting, by Joseph Downe Jun, Joseph Simonds and John Willard, who were Chosen for that purpose, it appeared that the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes for each person were as follows; Viz.—

Votes for Register of Deeds  
For Artemas Ward twenty five votes  
Hon. Oliver Fiske eighteen votes  
Samuel Jennison Esqr one vote  
Artemas Simonds one vote

Joseph G. Kendall Esqr one vote  
 Walter Johnson two votes

Joseph Downe Jur	Selectmen
John Willard	of
Joseph Simonds	Fitchburg

Attest—Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

[446] 1822 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg. . . . . Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs and for the choice of Town Officers, to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse in said Town, on monday the fourth day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles—Viz. . . . .

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

“ 2—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper.

“ 3—To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair their highways & Bridges the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

“ 4—To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper. . . . .

“ 5—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their other necessary expences the year ensuing.

“ 6—To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer

“ 7—To see what method the Town will take to support their paupers, the year ensuing or act any thing thereon. . . . .

“ 8—To see if the Town will allow the Swine to

run at large, under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

" 9—To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

" 10—To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen and act any thing thereon. . . .

" 11—To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon.

" 12—To see if the Town will annex Samuel W. Harris with his property to School District No. 12. . . .

" 13-To see if the Town will choose an agent to carry on a law suit with the Inhabitants of Westminster, respecting the support of Jonah Spaulden, or act anything thereon.

" 14—To see if the Town will make any allowance to the assessors of the year 1817—on account of their losses in a lawsuit, with Capt Abel Kendall.—Also to the assessors of 1818, for paying said Kendall Taxes—Also to see if the Town will abate said Kindalls Taxes for the year 1819, or act any thing respecting, any parts of this article they may think proper. . . .

" 15—To see if the Town will pay Capt. Phillip F. Cowdin a demand has has against the estate of Sylvanus Lapham—or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & Seals this eleventh day of  
February AD. 1822 Joseph Downe Jun { Selectmen  
John Willard } of  
Jos. Simonds Fitchburg

Worcester ss. Fitchburg February 16..1822 Pursuant  
to this warrant I have notified the inhabitants as within  
directed. Zachariah Shelden Constable of Fitchburg

[447] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 1822 agreeable to notice, the meeting being by reading the Warrant

Voted and chose Capt Philip F Cowdin Moderator  
Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk, Mr Joseph Simonds  
Town Treasurer.

Chose Mr Joseph Downe Mr Joseph Simonds, and Mr John Willard Selectmen.

Chose Mr Joseph Downe Mr Joseph Simonds and Mr John Willard Assessors.

Chose Capt Joshua Goodridge, Moses Hale, Jonas Marshall Jr. Robert Samson, Jr. Seth Phillips Jr. William Carlton, Samuel Caswill, Jeremiah Lowe Eben Thurston Jr Afa Farwell, Joseph Farnsworth, Isaiah Putnam, Nathan Tolman Jacob Stickney Reuben Smith, Elijah Phelps Elijah G. Hutchinson, Highway surveyors.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr } Cullers of  
Joseph F. Hovey } Hoops and  
Jotham Fuller, } Staves.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon } Surveyors  
John Willard & } of  
Eph<sup>m</sup> Osborn } Lumber.

Chose Joel Page }  
Levi Pratt & } Fence Viewers  
Daniel Low }

Chose Jacob Jaquith  
Jacob Upton  
Oliver Fox  
Jonas Marshall Jr &  
Thomas Harris } Field drivers

Chose Walter Johnson  
Abel Bruce  
Thomas Sweetser &  
Aaron Eaton } Tythingmen

Chose Dr Jacob Jaquith, Charles Darby, Jacob Tolman, Enoch Bacon Robert Samson Jr Aaron Darby Dan<sup>t</sup> Collings Silas Parkhurst, Amos Shelden, Francis Perkins Luther Wood Joseph McIntire Hogrieves, and were severally sworn to the faithfull discharge of their duty

Chose Apheus Kimball Joseph Farwell, Oliver Fox & Amos Durant Fire Wards

Chose George Wood Pound keeper.

Chose John Phillips, Marshall Hastings, John Whitcomb, Charles Tolman, Warren Chase Ephraim Osborn 3<sup>d</sup>

Phillips F Cowdin Daniel Tuttle, Ephraim Hartwell Jr., Nathan Andrews, and Amos Durant, Daniel Works, School Committee

Voted to adjourn the meeting one hour.

The town met agreeable to the adjournment

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of the Taxes previous to the adjournment of the meeting, and then report.

\$1000, Voted to raise \$1000 to repair the Highway and Bridges

Voted to allow twelve cents an hour faithfully worked on the spot.

\$900, Voted to raise \$900 to support the schools the year ensuing.

Voted that the money be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant until the adjournment.

Voted to choose a committee to Settle with the Town Treasurer, and report at the adjournment

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall Jr. Oliver Fox & Jos. Downe Jr.

Voted the Overseers of the Poor dispose of them agreeably to their best judgment.

Voted that the 8<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant respecting the swine be passed over

Voted that neat cattle be restrained from running at large.

Voted that Article 10 & 11 in the Warrant be passed over to the adjournment

Voted that Samuel W. Harris with his Farm be annexed to School District N<sup>o</sup> 12. . . .

[448] Voted to choose an agent to carry on the Suit commenced against the town of Westminster for the support of Jonah Spaulding.

Chose Capt. Oliver Fox for said Agent.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw Orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the assessors out of the Funds in the Treasury the cost which has arisen in the action Abel Kendall against the assessors, and likewise the

Tax for the year 1819 which the Assessors have paid Said Kendall.

Article 15 in the Warrant passed over

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first monday in April next at three of the clock in P. M.

Peter Snow Town Clerk

April 1. The town met agreeably to adjournment the meeting being opened

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the town Treasurer. Which is as follows Viz.—

March, 1822

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the town at their annual meeting on the 4 instant, for the purpose of settling with their Town Treasurer offer the following report Viz.

The Town Treasurer . . . . .	Dr
To cash cash paid him by Capt Benjamin Wheeler for tree which grew on the land, transferred to the Town by Phillip F. Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell sureties for for Samuel Parker . . . . .	\$4.00
" cash paid by said Wheeler for said land sold to him at auction . . . . .	20.81
" cash paid by John Phillips fo exemption from Military duty . . . . .	2.00
" Interest paid by Phillip. F Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell on their note . . . . .	12.00
" payment by W <sup>m</sup> Carlton in full of 1818 col- lection . . . . .	32.78
" payment by Daniel Flint on 1820 Taxbill . .	657.77
" payment by William Carlton on 1821 collec- tion . . . . .	1477... <hr/>
Total . . .	2226.36
Treasurer . . . Cr.	
By balance due him on the last Settlement . . .	34.88
" payment of orders drawn on him by the Se- lectmen . . . . .	1898.07

" payment of two notes given for cash hiered for the towns use before the last settlement	169.18
" interest on cash hier'd for the use of the in the year past . . . . .	2.07
" his services as Treasurer the year past . . .	12.00
Total	2116.20
Balance due the town from their Treasurer . . .	110.16
We find due the town from W <sup>m</sup> Carlton on 1819 taxbills . . . . .	21.98
We find due from Daniel Flint on 1820 collection	9.03
We find due from W <sup>m</sup> Carlton on 1821 Taxbills	327.50
We find in the treasury a note signed and Benja- min Fuller dated May 15 1820 on interest after six month from date prineipal . . . .	46.70
We also find in the treasury on note signed by Philip F Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell dated June 26 <sup>th</sup> 1820 on interest from date, one years interest paid—principal . . . . .	200.00
Total Amount	715.37

We find due the several school districts the sum of	243,83
We find due Joseph Fox Esq <sup>r</sup> & Peter Snow, & P. S. Snow for cash hier'd of them in the year 1820—principal . . . . .	278.00
	521.83
	193.54

Jonas Marshall Jr } Committe  
Joseph Downe }  
Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

[449] \$1000, Voted to raise one Thousand dollars  
for the neccsary expences of of the town the year ensuing.  
Voted and chose Daniel Flint Collector for the year  
ensuing.

Voted to accept Elijah Mc intire Jr and Elnathan Pol-  
ley as Bondsmen for Daniel Flint

Voted to choose two Constables.

Voted and chose Zachariah Sheldon & Daniel Flint  
Constables.

Voted to pass over article 10 in the Warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to let out the collection of the taxes the year ensuing—The collection was put up at auction, Mr Daniel Flint being the lowest bidder was struck off to him to Collect said Taxes for \$1.80 on the \$100, dollars

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1822 Then Peter Snow took the oath of office required by law as Town Clerk of the town of Fitchburg for the year Enfuing.

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

Worcester fs. April 1<sup>st</sup> 1822. Then Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Simonds and John Willard severally and solemnly made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the Office of Selectmen of Fitchburg and impartially preside at all elections in which they are by law required to preside for the year ensuing.

Also the said Joseph Downe Jr Joseph Simonds and John Willard, on the same day severally made solomn oath that as Aseffors of the said town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, they would proceed equally and impartially according to their best skill and judgment in aseffing apportioning all such rates and taxes as they might according to law be directed to aseffs and apportion during that time. Before me John Shepley, Just Pacis.

March 4 1822 Joshua Goodridge, Moses Hale, Jonas Marshall Jr Robert Sampson Seth Phillips Jr, Afa Farwell Isaiah Putnam Jacob Stickney appear'd and took the oath necefsary to be taken by Highway Surveyors

Joel Page appear'd necefsary to be taken by Fence-viewers.—Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

June 29. 1822 Capt Jacob. Jaquith. appeared and to the oath necefsary to be taken by field drivers before me

Peter Snow Town Clerk

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1822 Mr Daniel Flint appear'd and took the Oath necessary to be taken by a Collector of Taxes, before me  
Peter Snow Town Clerk

[450] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg of Seal twenty one years of age and upwards, (excepting paupers and persons under guardianship) who shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year and within the town six calender months and who has paid, by himself or his parent, master or Guardian any State or county tax, which have within two years next preeceeding been afsefesd on him in any town or district of this Commonwealth; & also any citizen who is by law exempted from taxation, and who is in all other respects qualified as above mentioned to afsemble & meet at the meeting house in said town on monday the first day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor Lt. Governor Counsellors and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this Eleventh day of March AD 1822

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Joseph Simonds    } Fitchburg

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg as within directed  
Zachariah Sheldon Conftabe of Fitchburg

At a meeting conformable to the above notification, the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for Governor Lt. Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the constitution assembled on Monday being the first day of April, and gave in their votes for Governor Lt. Governor Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Worcester. The whole number given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the

constitution is directed, and were for the following persons

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks . . . . .	97
Hon William Eustis . . . . .	106

For Lt. Governor

His Honor William Phillips . . . . .	98
Hon. Levi Lincoln . . . . .	106

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Aaron Tufts . . . . .	98
Salem Town Jr. . . . . .	98
Nath <sup>l</sup> Jones . . . . .	98
Benjamin Adams . . . . .	98
Stephen P. Garder. . . . .	98
Jonas Sibley . . . . .	106
Edmond Cushing . . . . .	106
Jonas Estabrook . . . . .	106
Waren Rawson . . . . .	106
David Washborn . . . . .	106
Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen
Joseph Simonds	of
John Willard	Fitchburg

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[451] To Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables  
of the town of Fitchburg, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Mafschufetts, to notify and warn  
Seal the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty  
Seal one years, (paupers, and persons under guardianship  
excepted) having resided within the Commonwealth, one  
year, and within this town six calender months, and hav-  
ing paid by themselves, parents, master, or Guardian any  
state or county tax within two years next preceeding, to  
meet at the Meetinghouse in said town, on monday the  
sixth day of may next, at three of the clock in the after-  
noon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representa-  
tives to represent them at at the General Court, appointed  
to be convened and held at the City of Boston on the last  
Wednesday of May next. . . . .

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg  
this fifteenth day of April AD. 1822.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds } of  
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May 6<sup>th</sup> 1822 Pursuant to  
the within Warrant I have notified and warned the in-  
habitants, as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

Purfuant to the above Warrant the inhabitants met  
agreeably to notification the meeting being opened by  
reading the Warrant, I was moved and seconed not to  
send a Representative this year, which passed in the  
affirmative. . . . Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

April 1822 In compliance of a request of Mefs'ers  
Billings & Bennet the subscribers report the following  
dcription of a road laid out thro' land of the said Bil-  
lings, Bennet and others Viz. Beginning at a turn in the  
Wall near said Billing's house, thence E. 9. south 20 rods  
to a stake and stones. Thence E. 27. S. 16½ rods.  
Thence S 31. E. 24 rods to a stake and stones Thence  
S. 11 E. 20 to a stake & stones. Thence S. 32 E. 14 rods  
to a stone bridge. Thence E 36 S. 13½ rods to an ash  
tree, in the front of said' Bennets house. Thence E. 34 S.  
50 rods to a white pine tree Thence S. 38 E. 8 rods to a  
stake & stones on Joseph Richardson's line. Distance thro'  
said Billing's and Bennets land 166 rods and no damages.  
Thence S. 36. E. 16 rods to a stake & stones. Thence E  
42 South 18 rods to a stake & stones. Thence S. 21½ E.  
29 rods to a stake and stones. Thence. Thence S. 9. E.  
16 rods to a stake & stones on James Parkhurst's line.  
Thence S. 3. West 19 rods to a stake & stones. Thence  
S. 40. East 11. rods to a stake & stones. distance thro'  
said Parkhurst's land 30 rods. Thence E 23 S. 30 rods to  
a corner of Wall on said Parkhurst's line Thence E 34  
S. 20 rods to a stake and stones. Thence S. 3. W. 14  
rods to a stake and stones. Thence S. 8 E. 29½ rods to  
a stake & stones. Thence S. 38. E. 22 rods to a stake

and stones. Thence S. 3. West 8 rods to a stake & stones. Thence S. 9 E 13 rods the corner of new Barn. Thence E 27. S. 5 rods to corner of Cow yard. The whole number of rods thro' M<sup>r</sup> Richardson's land is 220½ rods, all the bounds on the north and east side of said road. We estimate the damage thro' M<sup>r</sup> Richardson's land at \$200.00 which he did not agree to take we estimate the damage thro' M<sup>r</sup> Parkhurst land at \$10.00.

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen  
Jos. Simonds      } of  
John Willard     } Fitchburg

True Copy Attest

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[452] To either the constables in the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Seal warn the freeholder and other inhabitants of said Seal town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Viz. . . . .

1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> To see what method the town will take to repair the bridge near M<sup>r</sup> Phillips' and act any thing thereon

3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon

4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of Money the town will raise to defray the expence of any road which may be accepted, at this meeting, and the expence of repairing the aforesaid bridge

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of April AD 1822. . . . .

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of  
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. May 6, 1822 Fitchburg. Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified and warned as within directed by posting up a notice fourteen days, at least.—

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the above Warrant and notification the town met agreeably, the meeting being opened by reading the warrant

1<sup>st</sup> Voted and chose Joseph Downe Jr. Moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out at public Auction the repairing the bridge near Mr Seth Phillips'

3<sup>dly</sup> Voted that the 3<sup>d</sup> Article in the Warrant be passed over for the present

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the fourth article be passed over

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

The Subscribers having examined the new road from the south part of the Town leading over the Factory Dam hereby certify our acceptance of the making said road.

October 7<sup>th</sup> 1822      Joseph Downe Jr      Selectmen  
                          Joseph Simonds      of  
                          John Willard      Fitchburg.

A true Copy Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[453] To either of the Constables in the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the fourth day of November next, at one O'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative for the Worcester north District in the next Congress of the United States.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this  
Seventh day of October AD 1822

Joseph Down Jr      } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds    } of  
John Willard        } Fitchburg.

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the within warant I notified as within directed Zachariah Sheldon Constable

Fitchburg October 18, 1822

A test Peter Snow Town Clerk.

The inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled agreeably to notification, the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant, and gave in their votes for a member of Congress in the Worcester north District.

Votes given in were as follows Viz.

For. Hon Jonas Kendall Esq<sup>r</sup> Thirty one

Hon Samul Dana Esq<sup>r</sup> Fifty three

Hon Lewis Bigelow Esq<sup>r</sup> Four.

A true copy from the minutes

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

In compliance with a precept from his excellency Seal John Brook Esq<sup>r</sup> you are hereby required in the Seal name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Seal notify and warn the and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General court of this Commonwealth to assemble and meet at the first Parish meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of March next at two of the clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative for the Worcester north District in the next Congress of the United States.

Given under our hands and Seals this tenth day of February AD 1823.

Joseph Down Jr } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds } of  
John Willard } Fitchburg.

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[454] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said town on monday the fourth day of Novmber next at three o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will accept a list of names of Persons to serve as Jurors at the supreme Court, and circuit of common pleas in this County made out by the Subscribers, or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and Seals this seventh day of October AD 1822

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds } of  
John Willard } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified as wihin directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

Pursuant to the above Warrant the town on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1822. The meeting being opened

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors made out by the Selectmen Attes Peter Snow Town Clerk

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and Seal warn by reading this Warrant, in open town meeting, the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Seal town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse in Said Fitchburg, this day at two O'clock P. M. to act on the following articles—Viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will grant any further term of payment on the notes signed by Samuel Parkers sureties, or act any thing thereon, respecting said notes they may think proper.

Givin under our hands and seals this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November AD. 1822

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds } of  
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants in the manner therein

directed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned      Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

The meting being Opened Voted and chose Joseph Down Jr Moderator

Voted that the notes mentioned in the Warrant be called for, by the first day of January next.

Attest      Peter Snow Town Clerk

[455] Worcester fs. Fitchburg February 14, 1823.  
Purfuant to the within Warrant I have, notified as within directed      Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg.

The Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembled agreeably to notifiatiion the meeting being being Opened by reading the Warrant, gave in their votes for a member of Congrefs in the Woreester north District.

Votes given in were as follows Viz.

For. Hon. Jonas Kendall Esq <sup>r</sup>	64
Hon. Sam <sup>l</sup> Dana Esq <sup>r</sup>	45
H Lewis Bigelow Esq <sup>r</sup>	8
Joseph G. Kendall Esq <sup>r</sup>	2

A true Copy from the minutes,

Attest      Peter Snow Town Clerk

[456] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting  
 Seal      You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town  
 Seal      qualified by law to vote in town asfairs, and for the choice of town officers to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said town on monday the third day of march at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to govern Said meeting.

2. To choose a town Clerk Treafurer, Selectmen, Assessors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the town may deem proper.

3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their Highways & and Bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon

4 To see what sum of money the town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing, or act any thing respecting laying out the money they may think proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray the other necessary town charges.

6 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer

7 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

8 To see if the town will suffer their swine to run at large under the regulation of the law, or act any thing thereon.

9 To see if the town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10 To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the town or act any thing thereon

11 To see if the town will purchase a fire Engine or act any thing thereon

12 To see what order the town will take respecting certain citations from the court Sessions, granted on the petitions of Jonas Marshall Jr. and others—and Oliver Fox and others for roads thro' this Town—and act any thing thereon the town may deem proper.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this tenth day of February AD 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds } of  
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Fitchburg February 14, 1823 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

[457] At legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Fitchburg assembled on the Third day of March AD 1823 the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant

Voted and chose Capt. Philip F. Cowdin Moderator  
Chose Peter Snow Town Cerk.

Chose Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Chose Joseph Downe Jr., Joseph Simond and John Willard Selectmen. . . .

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Simonds & John Willard Assessors. . . .

Chose Abijah Goodridge Samuel W. Harris, Jacob Jaquith Jr Abel Bruce Joseph Boynton, Josiah Brown, John Andrews Charles Beckworth Ebenezer Hutchinson Jr. Joseph Downe Jr. William Kilborn Nathan Ordway Ephraim Gibson Joshua Stickney William Bolton D<sup>n</sup> Jacob Jaquith, Ephraim Smith Ephraim Ofborn John Willard Highway Surveyors

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph F. Hovey & Jotham Fuller, Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Chose Zachariah Sheldon John Willard & Eph<sup>m</sup> Ofborn Jr Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Joel Page Levi Pratt & Danl. Low Fence Viewers.

Chose Samuel Sheldon Joshua Goodridge Joshua Pearce Jacob Jaquith Jr. Field Drivers & Pason William

Chose, Joseph Farwell, Afa Farwell Jos. Richardson & Abel Bruce, Tythingmen

Chose Joseph Farnsworth, John Carter Jacob Stickney, Clark Hilton, Afa, Sawyer, Manefseh Sawyer, Joseph Oakman Benjamin Flint Jr David Low Simon Smith Aaron Bolton, Cyrus Thurston Jacob Tolman Afa P. Dwinnels Micah Wheeler Benjamin Brown Abraham Bennet, and Heman Wheeler. Hog Reeves.

Chose Alpheus Kimball, Francis Pirkins Joseph Farwell Oliver Fox and Amos Durant Fire Wardes.

Chose George Wood Pound Keeper.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon, Joshua Goodridge, Israel Turner, Abel Downe, John Kinsman Josiah Hartwell Seth Phillips Jr John Badcock, Simeon Gibson Martin Newton and Josiah Brown School Committe, and Capt. Aaron Eaton, in lieu of Afa Farwell, declined.

Voted to choose a Committee to let out the collection of the Taxes

Choose the Selectmen for said Committee.

1000, Voted to raise \$1000 to repair the Highways & brdges the present year, and to allow twelve cents per hour faithfully worked on the spot.

Voted to pass over the 5 Article in the Warrant to the adjournment

Voted to choose a Comittee to settle with the Town Teafurer

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall Jr. Joseph Farwell and Francis Dean.

Voted that the Selectmen dispose of the Poor according to their best judgment.

Voted to pafs over the 8<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant.

[458] \$1000, Voted to raise \$1000. to support the schools the year ensuing, and the money laid out the same as last, Year.

Voted restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

Voted to choose a Committee to inquire into the situation of the Engine

Voted and choose the Selectmen for said Committee, and report at the at the adjournment.

Voted to pass over the 10 Article in the Warrant to the adjournment

1.79 Voted Chose Abel Downe Collector of Taxes, and to give one dollar and seventy nine cents on the Hundred dollars for collecting

Voted to accept William Downe, and Ephraim Osborn Jr as his bondsmen.

Voted and chose Zachariah Sheldon and Alpheus Kimball, Constables

1200. Voted to raise Twelve hundred dollars for the necessary expenceſ of the town

100. Voted to raise one Hundred dollars to purchafe an Engine

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow mone on behalf of of the town.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer.

• Voted chuse a committee of two to superintend the purchasing the Engine

Voted and chose Zachariah Sheldon and Jonas Marshall Jr for said Committee.

Voted to close with Oliver Fox's offer i. e. he would build an Engine house and give the land provided the Engine be kept down in the Old City so (called.)

Voted to desolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

This may certify on this fith day of March, 1823 Peter Snow personally appear'd and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Town Clerk of Fitchburg for the year ensuing

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

Worcester fs April 7, 1822 Then Joseph Downe Jr Joseph Simonds and John Willard severally made solomn oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Selectmen of Fitchburg and impartially preside at all ellections in which they are by law required to preside for the year ensuing.—Also the said Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Simonds John Willard on the same day severally mad solemn oath that as Afsefors of the said town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, they would proceed and impartially according to their best skill and judgment in afsefing & apportioning all such rates and taxes, as they might according to law, be directed to afsef and apportion during that time

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1823 Then Alpeus Kimball personally appeared and made solemn Oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Constable of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing Before me John Shepley Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Peter Snow Town Clerk

[459] Fitchburg April 4<sup>th</sup> 1823.

The subscribers chosen a Committee to settle to settle with the Town Treasurer offer the following report, Viz.

Treasurer . . . . .	Dr
To balance due the town on settlement in March	
1822 . . . . .	110.16
" payment by W <sup>m</sup> Carlton in full of 1819 Tax	
Bill . . . . .	21.98
" payment by Daniel Flint in full of 1820 Tax	
Bill . . . . .	9.03
" payment by W <sup>m</sup> Carlton in full of 1821 Tax	
Bill . . . . .	327.50
" payment by Daniel Flint on 1822 Tax Bill	1372.64
" payment for certificates to conditional exempts	
from military duty the past year . . . . .	8.00
" payments by Philip F Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell Sureties for Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker . . . . .	206.00
" payment by Thomas Eaton & Benjamin	
Fuller Sureties for Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker . . . . .	52.30
" payment for power sold belonging to the	
Town . . . . .	11.62
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	2119.23

The Treasurer . . . . . Cr

By payment of orders drawn on him by the Selectmen . . . . .	1909.28
" payment of a note which the town owed to	
Dr Peter Snow . . . . .	112.36
" his services as Treasurer the year past . . . . .	12.00
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	20,33.64

Balance due the town from their Treasurer . . . . .	85.59
We find due from Daniel Flint on his collection	
for the year 1822 including his fees for collecting . . . . .	566.63
Due from Philip F Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell	
Sureties for Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker . . . . .	11.80
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	664.02
We find due Peter & P. S. Snow for cash hired . . . . .	50.70

We find due the estate of Joseph Fox Esqr for cash hired . . . . .	156.30
Due the several School Districts . . . . .	321.01
Out standing Town orders . . . . .	<u>135.21</u>
	663.22
	<u>000.80</u>

Jonas Marshall Jr. } Committee  
Francis Deane }  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer.

June 21. 1823. Mr Abel Downe Appear'd and took  
the oath necessary to be taken by a Collector of Taxes  
before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[460] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg being twenty one years of age and, otherwise qualified as the Constitution of said Commonwealth points out to meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said town on monday the Seventh day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governer Leutnant Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg  
this tenth day of March AD. 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds   } of  
John Willard     } Fitchburg

Worcester ss. Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified the Male inhabitants as Within directed

Zachariah Sheldon Constable

Fitchburg March 17, 1823.

A legal meeting of the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on the seventh day of April being

the first Monday of said month for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and, Counsellors. The votes given in were for the following persons. Viz.

For Hon. Harison G. Otis for Governor . . . . .	107
Hon William Eustis for Governor . . . . .	111
Hon Daniel Noble for Lieut Governor . . . . .	110
Hon. Levi Lincoln for Lieut. Governor . . . . .	111

Senators

Hon Aaron Tufts . . . . .	110
" Benjamin Adams . . . . .	110
" Stephen P. Gardner . . . . .	109
" Nathaniel Jones . . . . .	109
Nathaniel P. Denny Esqr . . . . .	109
Warren Rawfon . . . . .	112
James Estabrook . . . . .	112
Daniel Gilbert . . . . .	112
Edward D. Bangs . . . . .	111
Joseph Howe Esquires. . . . .	111
Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen	
Joseph Simonds } of	
John Willard } Fitchburg	

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

[461] To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free-holders and Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meeting house in said town on monday the Seventh day of April next at at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

- 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the town will take any measures to ascertain whether the Widow Olive Mefsenger a pauper of this town has any claims on certain real estate formerly the property of her deceased husband Thomas Mefsenger and act any thing thereon.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will authorise some person to

pay the fine imposed on said town by the General Court  
of this Commonwealth, and act any thing thereon.

Worcester ss. Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants as within directed  
Zachariah Sheldo Constable.

Pursuant to the above warrant and notification, the Inhabitants assembled, the meeting being opened by reading the Warant

Voted and chose Philip F Cowdin Moderator

Voted to chuse a Committe to examine the Situation of the estate of Mr Thomas Messenger late of Fitchburg to ascertain whether his Widow Olive Messenger has any claims on certain real estate the property of her late husband for her support, and report at some future meeting

Voted and choose Mr Jonas Marshall Jr. for said Committee

Voted that Mr Joseph Simonds the Town Treasurer be authorized to pay the fine imposed on said town by the General Court of this Commonwealth.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Apr<sup>r</sup> 21, 1823 Capt. Jaquith appear'd and took the oath, necessary to be taken by a Field driver before me Peter Snow Town Clerk, and likewise the Oath necessary to be taken by a Highway Surveyor

before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

April 29 1823 Mt Payson Williams appeared, and took the oath necessary to be taken by a field Driver before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 12, 1823 Mr Joshua Stickney aperead and took  
the oath neefsay to be taken by a Highway Surveyor.  
before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 2, 1823 Levi Pratt & Daniel Lowe appeared and took the oath necessary to be taken by Fence viewers,  
before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 1 1823 Samuel Sheldon took the oath necessary to be taken by Field Drivers  
before me Peter Snow T. Clerk

June 9 1823 Will<sup>m</sup> Bolton took the Oath necessary to be taken by a Highway Surveyor,  
before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

June 7. 1823 Elijah McIntire took the oath necessary to be taken by a Highway Surveyor  
before Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[462] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, . . . . . Greeting  
Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn  
Seal the Inhabitants the inhabitants of the town of  
Seal Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said town on monday the fifth day of May next at two of the clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg this fifteenth day of April AD 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen  
Joseph Simonds } of  
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants as with directed. Fitchburg April 19. 1823 Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled

Purfuant to the above Warrant, the Meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant, Voted and choofe Mr Joseph Downe Jr to Represent them at the General, appointed to be conveaneed at at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Attest              Peter Snow Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting

Seal              You are hereby required in the name of the  
 Seals              Commonwealth of Massachusets to notify and warn  
 Seals              the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to  
 Seals              vote in town affairs to assemble at the first Parish  
 Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the fifth day of  
 May next at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following  
 Articles Viz.

- 1 To choose A Moderator to govern Said Meeting
- 2 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen and act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of April AD 1823

Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen
Joseph Simonds	of
John Willard	Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchbugs, April 19. 1823

Purfuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as with directed

Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled Purfuant to the above Warrant, the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant

- Voted and choose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator
- [463] Voted to accept of the road laid thro' Mr David Baldwins land.
- Voted to take up Mr Daniels road (so called)
- Voted to dismiss that part of the road laid out for Mr Daniels
- Voted to Desolve the meeting

Attest . . . . Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Fitchburg May 1. 1823. The Subscribers this day laid out a town road discribed a follows Viz. Beginning at a Stake and stones about six rods in front of Mr David Baldwins Dwelling house. Thenee southwardly one hundred and twenty two rods to the road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster, to range to the west end of the Schoolhouse near Mr William Downe's dwelling house, and with the east side of the road leading to Mr Benjamin Fullers. Said propofed road to be two rods Wide, on the west side of said bounds, all on land of said Baldwin. The land given, and the road to be made free from expence to the town and compleated in eighteen month from this time to the acceptance of the Selectmen

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of  
                          Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg  
Greeting

Seal      In compliance with a precept from his excellency  
Seal John Brook Esq<sup>r</sup> you are hereby required in the  
name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to  
notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified  
by law to vote in in the choice of Representatives to  
afsemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said Fitch-  
burg on Monday the twelfth day of May next at four  
o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative  
for the Worcester North District to the eighteenth Con-  
gres of the United States.

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this  
twenty sixth day of April AD 1823

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of  
                          Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Worcester ss Fitchburg April 28, 1823 Pursuant to  
the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of  
said town as within Directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of  
Fitchburg afsembled on Monday the 12 day of May 1823

for the porpose of giving in their votes for a Member to the eigteenth Congrefs of the United States. Votes given in were for the following Persons Viz.

For Hon. Samuel Dana Ninety two

John Locke Esqr Ten

Hon. John Shepley Forty five

Joseph G. Kendall Esq Five.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[464] To either of the Constables in the town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said town qualified by laws to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said town on monday the firsh day of September at three o'clock P M. to act on the following Articles Viz.—

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out of the Selectmen or act any thing thereon

3<sup>d</sup> To se what order the Town will take on an order of notice from the Court of Sessions respecting a road prayed for by Jonas Marshall Jr, and others and Act any thing thereon.

4 To see if the town will petition the General Court to refund the fine paid by this town for neglecting to send a Reprefentative to the legislature of this Commonwealth in the year 1822 of act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this seventh day of August AD 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen
Joseph Simonds		of
John Willard	}	Fitchburg.

Worcester ff Pursuant to the Within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants as within directed according to Law Zachariah Sheldon Conftable.

Purfuant to the above Warrant & notification the In-

habitants Assembled, the meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator

Voted to pass over the 2<sup>d</sup> Article in the Warrant

Voted to choose an agent to appear at the Court of Sessions to oppose the making the new contemplated road thro' Fitchburg and Lunenburg.

Chose Capt Philip F Cowdin for their Agent.

Voted to Petition the General Court to relinquish to the town the fine imposed on them for Neglecting to send a Representative to the General Court in the year 1822.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday next at 4 O'clock P. M.                      Peter Snow Town Clerk

[465] Saturday Sept Sept 6 The town met agreeably to adjournment.

The meeting being Opened. Voted to adjourn the meeting for fifteen minutes The time of adjournment being expired, the meeting being opened

Voted to adjourn the meeting to monday the twenty second of September instant at three o'clock P. M.

Sept 22 1823 the town met agreeably to adjournment the meeting being opened

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen of a road last laid out by them.

Down by Genl Burbanks Mill, the New Factory &c.

Voted to disolve the Meeting.

Attest      Peter Snow Town Clerk

A discription of the above mentioned road which the town voted to accept. &c

In compliance with a request from Zachariah Sheldon & others, and Abijah Goodridge & Joshua Goodridge the Subscribers proceeded on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1823 to lay out a town road or public way, described on the east side of the as follows Viz. Beginning at the line between the towns of Fitchburg and Leominster on the north side of the road now traveled, between said Towns and near the house now occupied by Benjamin Rogers'. Thence north 38° W. 80 rods. Thence N 27° W. 26. rods.

Thence N. 16° W. 170. rods. Thence N. 33. W. 54 rods. Thence N. 37° W 76 rods. Thence N 32° W. 34 to a larg Maple tree in land of Afa Perry. Thence N. 26° W 103. rods. Thence N. 33° W. 20 rods. Thence N 34° West 86 rods to the south West corner of Gen! Burbanks house.— Thence crosing the Millyard and by the west end of the Small house now occupied by Ephraim Wetherbee about 20 rods to the traveled County or town road leading to the Meetinghouse.— Whole distance 669 Rods. — Said road to be three rods wide. Laid out thro' lands of Abijah and Joshua Goodridge Jacob Upton, Afa Perry, Oliver Fox, Tyler Daniels & C<sup>o</sup> Samuel Hale & Leonard Burbank. Damages to Abijah and Joshua Goodridge, Given Damages to Jacob Upton for all the land cut off from his farm \$25.00 which he did not agree to accept. Damages to Afa Perry, \$350.00 which he did not agree to Accept. Damages to Tyler Daniels and C<sup>o</sup> given and road made. Damages to Sam<sup>l</sup> Hale \$275.00 which he did not agree to accept. Damages to Leonard Burbank, given & road made.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen
Joseph Simonds		of
John Willard	}	Fitchburg

[466] To either the Constables of the town of Fitchburg  
Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of Said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said on monday the thirteenth day of October next at three o'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles Viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To chose a Moderator to govern Said meeting  
2<sup>d</sup> To see what method the town will take to make to make the road & bridge on the rout lately accepted by the town thro' land of Afa Perry and others, and act any thing thereon they may deem proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will give any further instruc-

tions to the Committee chosen last Spring for the purpose of procuring a Water Engine, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. AD 1823                    Joseph Downe Jr { Selectmen of Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed. Fitchburg Sept 26, 1823.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant & notification the Inhabitants assembled the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant. Voted and chose Maj<sup>r</sup> Nathan Ordway Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to superintend the making the new road lately accepted by the town

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Richardson, Jonas Marshall Jr. and Francis Dean for said Committee.

Voted the Committee be instructed to let out the making the road and building the bridge to the lowest bidder, and the undertakers to receive their pay in one year from the first day of December next

Voted to pass over the third Article in the Warrant

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest      Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[467] 1824 March Meeting

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal      You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs, to meet & assemble at the meeting house of the first Parish in said Town, on monday the first day March next at nine o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen,

Afsessors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law—and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges, the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing—and act any thing respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

5<sup>th</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the damages and expenses, of making the new road & bridge by Mr Daniel's Faactory and act any thing thereon.

6<sup>th</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their other necessary Town charges

7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Afsessors.

8<sup>th</sup> To see what method the Town will take to support their poor, the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will suffer the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town, and act any thing thereon.

12<sup>th</sup> To see what order the Town will take on a citation from the Court of Sessions, granted on the request of Capt Oliver Fox and others for a road

13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will compensate Capt Oliver Fox for damages of a road through his land and act any thing thereon.

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Art 14. To see if the Town will direct their Highway Surveyors to keep the roads open in the winter season and act any thing thereon.

Art 15<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will discontinue any road, or act any thing thereon.

16<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will annex Mr Tyler Daniels & Co. with their property to the twelfth school District

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of February. AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds } Selectmen of  
John Willard    } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants as within directed.

February 16. 1824.

Zachariah Sheldon. Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, assembled on Monday the first day of March, 1824, the meeting being opened by reading the warrant.

Voted & chose Philip F. Cowdin Moderator.

Chose. Peter. S. Snow Town Clerk

" Jonas Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer

Joseph Simonds	Selectmen	Joseph Simonds	Assessors
Zachariah Sheldon		Zachariah Sheldon	

Francis Dean	Selectmen	Francis Dean	
W <sup>m</sup> Kilborn Jr			

Alpheus Boutell			
John Battles		Abel Thurston	

Joseph Battles Jr		John Kinsman	Highway Surveyors
Joseph Farwell		Joseph Gibson	

Thomas Eaton		William Carter	
Edward Smith		Micah Shattuck	

Sewal Gibson		James Mc Intire	
Stephen Withington		Amos Wheeler Ju <sup>r</sup>	

Levi Farwell		James Harris	
Charles Darby		Haman Wheeler	

Levi Pratt			
Joseph Downe Jr		Zachariah Sheldon	

Joseph F. Hovey	Cullers of Hoops & Staves	Ephm Osborn Ju <sup>r</sup>	Surveyors of Lumber
Jotham Fuller		Aaron Eaton	

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Chose Abel Bruce, Ebenezer Thurston Seth Phillips Ju <sup>r</sup>	Abijah Goodridge, William Carlton Josiah Brown
Fence Viewers	
" Josiah Brown, Joel Eaton, Samuel Phelps Thomas	Harris, Samuel Hale, Joseph Battles Field Drivers
" Eleazer Sawtell, Samuel Houghton, Tything men	Francis Dean, Josiah Sheldon, Peter Carter Hosea
Proctor, Nathan Tolman, Simon Smith John Battles Jur.	Asa Perly, Abel Thurston Benj Sheldon Jr.
Thomas Hale John Brown Hog Reeves	Joseph F Hovey, Pound Keeper
Zachariah Sheldon Joseph Farwell Alpheus Kimball,	Capt Enoch Caldwell Jacob Stickney
Martin Newton Firewards	James Cowdin                      Abel Farwell
John Harris                      Asaph Meriam	Jeremiah Lowe                      Benjamin Wheeler
Isaiah Putnam                      Daniel Flint Ju <sup>r</sup>	Joel Eaton                        William Downe

} School Committee

Voted that the School Committees be under the direction of their districts

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to let out the collection of Taxes, for the year ensuing.

1000, for Highways & Bridges

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to support the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

900, for Schools

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for the support of schools, eighty dollars to be laid out among the small districts, at the discretion of the Selectmen

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant to the adjournment

Voted to pass over the 6<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant

Voted to chuse a Committee to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen. & Assessors.

Chose Jonas Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup> Calvin Willard & Joseph Farwell for said Committee

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Voted that the Support of the Poor be left discretionary with the overseers of the Poor.

Voted to pass over the ninth article in the warrant

Voted that Neat Cattle be restrained from running at large

Voted that the eleventh Article in the warrant be passed to the adjournment

Voted to chuse an agent to oppose the road petitioned for by Oliver Fox and others

Chose Joseph Downe Ju<sup>r</sup> the Agent.

Voted to pass over the 13<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 14<sup>th</sup> Article

\*Voted to discontinue the road from Benjamin Scotts Barn to the lane near Capt. Amos Wheelers.

Voted to pass the 16 article to the adjournment

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first monday in April next at one o clock. P M.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs March 3<sup>d</sup> 1824. Then Peter S Snow personally appeared and made oath that he would truly record all votes of the Town of Fitchburg during the year next ensuing, and untill another clerk should be chosen in his stead, and also that he would faithfully discharge all the other duties of Town clerk of said Fitchburg

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

A True copy. Attest P. S. Snow. Town Clerk

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1824. Joseph Battles Ju<sup>r</sup> took the oath required by law to be taken by a Highway Surveyor.

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1824. James McIntire took the oath required by law to be taken by a Highway Surveyor.

before me. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1824. Then Joseph Simonds, Zachariah Sheldon Francis Dean, William Kilborn Ju<sup>r</sup> & Alpheus Boutell took the oath by law required to discharge the duties of Selectmen.

Also Joseph Simonds Zachariah Sheldon & Francis

Scott Road. [Annotation on the margin.]

Dean took the Oath required by law to discharge the  
duties of Aſſeſſors of the Town of Fitchburg  
before me. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.  
. . . . Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Maſſachusetts to notify and  
Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town being  
Seal twenty one years of age, and otherwise qualified as  
Seal the constitution of said Commonwealth points out,  
Seal to meet and aſſemble at the first Parish meeting-  
house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of April  
next at two o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for Gov-  
ernor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, and Counſellors agree-  
able to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. Given  
under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fifteenth  
day of March AD. 1824.

Joseph Simonds	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Zachariah Sheldon		
Francis Dean		
Alpheus Boutell		

W<sup>m</sup> Kilburn Ju<sup>r</sup>

Worceſter ſs. Fitchburg March 19<sup>th</sup> 1824. Pursuant  
to the within warrant I have notified the male inhabi-  
tants as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon Conſtable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of  
Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth  
of Maſſachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for  
Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, & Counſellors,  
holden on the fifth day of April being the first Monday of  
said month, in the year of our Lord 1824. for the pur-  
pose of Giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Gov-  
ernour, Senators & Counſellors of said Commonwealth.  
The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted,  
recorded and declaration, thereof made, as by the Constitu-  
tion is directed, and were for the following persons.

## For Governor

His Excellency William Eustis . . . . .	142
Hon. Samuel Lathrop . . . . .	123

## For Lieutenant Governor

Hon Marcus Morton . . . . .	142
Hon Richard Sullivan . . . . .	123

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## Senators

## Senators

Hon. Edmund Cushing	141	Hon Aaron Tufts	122
Daniel Thurber	142	Hon Stephen P. Gardner	123
Nathaniel Houghton	142	Hon Benjamin Adams	122
Joseph Davis	142	Hon Nathaniel P. Denny	123
John Brown	142	Joseph G. Kendall Esqr	123
Austin Denny	1.	John Shepley Esqr.	1

Joseph Simonds	}	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon		
Francis Dean		
William Kilburn Jr		
Alpheus Boutell		

Attest . . . P. S Snow Town Clerk

## 1824 Adjournment of March Meeting

The meeting by adjournment from March 1<sup>st</sup> 1824 to April 5 1824 at one o clock, was opened & the riot act &c read.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for two hours.

The meeting was opened according to adjournment.

Voted to pass over the fifth article of the warrant to the adjournment of the meeting

\$1200, to defray necessary expences

Voted to raise \$1200, to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town

Voted to pass over the 16<sup>th</sup> article

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to settle with the late Treasurer

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to let out the collection of Taxes.

Chose Abel Downe Collector for the year ensuing.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon & Alpheus Kimball Constables.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the annual meeting in May at four o'clock P. M. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1824. Stephen Withington & Joseph Gibson took the oath required by law to qualify them for Highway Surveyors before me P S. Snow Town Clerk

[473] 1824 Treasury Report

Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer.

The subscribers, a Committee duly chosen by the Town at their annual meeting on the first day of March instant for the purpose of settling with their late Treasurer, report as follows

The Treasurer . . . . .	Dr
To a ballance due from him to the Town at the last settlement . . . . .	\$85.59
Payments by Daniel Flint on 1822 Tax bill . .	450.53
Payments by Conditional exempts from military duty . . . . .	8.00
Payments by Abel Downe on 1823. Tax bill . .	1825.35
Cash received of the Selectmen being the same allowed by the General Court for the support of Charles Connor a State pauper . .	39.60
Cash received from the Town of Groton for supporting the family of Charles Farnsworth . . . . .	14.84
Cash received of John Shepley Esqr on an execution against the Town of Sandwich for supporting the family of James Worcester . .	77.04
Cash received of the Inhabitants of Sandwich for supporting said family . . . . .	99.67
Cash received of the Inhabitants of Leominster for supporting Solon Tainter . . . . .	4.06
Cash received by Philip F. Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell sureties for Saml Parker . . . . .	12.50

Cash hired the year past, \$581.52 of which for road damages . . . . .	971.52
	<u>\$3588.70</u>

The Treasurer . . . . . Cr.	
By payment of orders drawn by the Selectmen	3086.69
Paying a Town note to Oliver Fox, Executor	162.27
Paying a Town note to Peter & P S. Snow	52.89
Paying an execution in favour of the Town of Westminster . . . . .	30.92
Paying interest on cash hired the year past . . . . .	2.54
His services as Treasurer the year past . . . . .	12.00
	<u>3347.31</u>

Ballance in cash paid Jonas Marshall Jur <sup>r</sup> the present Treasurer . . . . .	241.39
	<u>\$3588.70</u>

We find due from Mr Daniel Flint on his Tax bills for the year 1822 subject to a deduction of his fees for collecting . . . . .	116.10
We find due from Mr Abel Downe on his tax bills for the year 1823 subject to a deduction of his fees for collecting . . . . .	545.39
Ballance as above in the hands of the present Treasurer . . . . .	241.39
Amount now due to the Town . . . . .	<u>902.88</u>

We find due from the Town to individuals the sums following being debts incurred the past year to wit

To Mr Levi Farwell . . . . .	100.00
carried over	100.00

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Amount due from the Town bro <sup>t</sup> over . . . . .	\$100.00
To Mr Jonathan Lowe . . . . .	50.00
Mr Moses Hale . . . . .	150.00
Joseph Downe Jur <sup>r</sup> Esqr. . . . .	90.00
Mr Asa Perry . . . . .	306.52
Mr Samuel Hale . . . . .	275.00
To the School Districts . . . . .	294.95

Outstanding Town Orders . . . . .	9.63
Due to the Selectmen for services the past year	63.01
Amounting in the whole to . . . . .	1339.11
From which the said sum of \$902.88 being de-	902.88
ducted, leaves a ballance against the Town of	\$436.23

All which is respectfully submitted

By                   Calvin Willard  
                        Jonas Marshall Jur } Committee  
                        Joseph Simonds Treasurer

A True Copy.              P. S. Snow, Town Clerk

#### Collection of Taxes

The Subscribers being chosen a committee to let out the collection of State, County & Town Taxes for the present year report as follows Viz.

The Collection of the aforesaid Taxes let out to Abel Downe at one dollar and sixty nine cents on the hundred dollars, by his giving bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty as Collector, to the satisfaction of the Town.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1824              Joseph Simonds  
                                Zachariah Sheldon  
                                William Kilburn Jur } Committee  
                                Alpheus Boutell

A True Copy              Attest      P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester ss. May 3 1824 Then Alpheus Kimball personally appeared and took the oath required by law as Constable of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, and until another should be chosen in his place

Before me John Shepley, Jus Pacis

A True Copy              Attest      P. S. Snow Town Clerk

#### [475] May Meeting

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in the

choice of Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the first Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third day of May next at two o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands at said Fitchburg this twelfth day of April AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds Zachariah Sheldon William Kilburn Ju <sup>r</sup> Francis Dean Alpheus Boutell	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 19. 1824. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg.

#### Adjournment March Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on the third day of May AD 1824 for the purpose of choosing a representative or representatives to represent them at the General Court &c. The meeting being opened chose Peter Snow Town Clerk pro. tempore, who was sworn.

Voted & chose Calvin Willard Esqr for their Representative

Peter Snow Town Clerk pro tempore

Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> & from April 5 to May 3<sup>d</sup> 1824 at 4 o'clock P M. was opened.

Voted and chose Samuel Houghton Field driver

Voted to take up the twelfth article in the warrant.

Voted to choose a committee of five in addition to the Selectmen to consult on the new road, and act as they think proper.

Chose for said committee Joseph Richardson Jonas Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup>

[476] Adjournment March Meet<sup>g</sup>  
Oliver Fox, Levi Farwell & Jacob Jaquith.

\$1800, Voted to raise \$1800.. to defray the expenses  
of the new road

Voted to take up the 13<sup>th</sup> article

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to appraise  
the damages to Capt. Oliver Fox.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Peter Snow Town Clerk pro tempore

Attest P S. Snow. Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachussets, to notify and warn the free-holders and other inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on monday the thirtieth day of August Instant at two of the clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will give their committee, chosen to let out the making of a new bridge, and road by Mr Daniels' Factory, any further instructions, and act any thing respecting said bridge and road which they may deem proper

3 To see if the Town will take any further measures to oppose the acceptance of a County road lately laid out in compliance with the petition of Capt Oliver Fox & others, and act any thing thereon

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds	}	Selectmen of
Alpheus Boutell		William Kilburn Jur <sup>r</sup>

Worcester fs. Fitchburg August 16. 1824 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon. Constable

[477] 1824 Aug 30<sup>th</sup>

Pursuant to the preceding warrant and return thereon the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposeses therein named

The meeting being opened. Voted and Chose Joseph Simonds Moderator

Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant for the present

Voted to choose two Agents with discretionary powers in addition to the one already chosen, to oppose the acceptance of the County road lately laid out in compliance with the request of Oliver Fox and others; and if the road should be accepted the agents shall have full power to use such measures to procure the discontinuance of said road as they may think expedient.

Chose Jonas Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Simonds Agents

Voted to take up the second article in the warrant.

Voted on the second article; that the Committee therein mentioned be directed to proceed and finish the road therein described.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest. P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

Report of Committee to asseſſ damages to Capt Fox

Pursuant to a vote of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg passed on the third day of May last, at an adjourned meeting of the annual March meeting, by which the subscribers were chosen as a committee to asseſſ damages to Capt Oliver Fox for a road laid out by the Selectmen & accepted by the Town through his lands about one year since, we have attended to the businesſ and estimated the damages of said road through lands of said Fox near Mr Daniels' Factory at the sum of fifty dollars

Oct<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1824

Joseph Simonds } Selectmen  
Alpheus Boutell } of  
Zachariah Sheldon } Fitchburg

A True Copy Attest

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[478] To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free-holders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Friday the eighth day of October next at two o'clock P M to act on the following Articles Viz

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see what the Town will do respecting a petition and order of notice from the proprietors of the fifth Massachusetts Turnpike corporation, and act any thing thereon

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will discontinue or alter a town road laid out and accepted by the Town about a year ago through the mill yard of Capt Oliver Fox, and act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands at Fitchburg, this twenty second day of September AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds	}	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon		of
Alpheus Boutell	Fitchburg	

Agreeable to this warrant I have notified the free-holders and other inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place within mentioned by putting up a warrant at each of the meetinghouses in said Town

Sept 25 1824

Alpheus Kimball Constable

1824 Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg holden this day, Voted and chose Jos. Simonds Clerk pro. tem.

Voted and chose Jos. Richardson Moderator.

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted under the article to discontinue the road laid out by the selectmen in Sept. last, through the mill yard of Capt Oliver Fox in Sept. 1823

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Record Attest Joseph Simonds Clerk pro tem

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[479] To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the free-holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the first day of November next, at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting;

2 To see what order the Town will take on a petition and order of notice respecting a county road being located from the Potash works of Capt Oliver Fox, to the line of the Town of Leominster, and act any thing thereon.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what course the Town will take in consequence of two several orders of Notice from the Court of Sessions granted on petitions of Capt Oliver Fox, and Jacob Upton, praying for a Jury to estimate damages of a town road laid out through their lands in Sept. 1823 and to act any thing concerning said notices and damages which the Town may deem proper.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize any person or persons to call on Jacob Upton for damages for not makeing one hundred and twenty nine rods of road according to agreement, and act any thing thereon

Worcester ss. Fitchburg Oct 16. 1824. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the preceeding warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish meetinghouse on Monday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1824.

Chose Phillip. F Cowdin Moderator

Voted on the Second article in the warrant to choose an agent to oppose the petition of Bezaleel Lawrence and

others for a road leading from the bridge near the Potash of Oliver Fox [480] to the bounds of the Town of Leominster near the house of Benjamin Rodgers.

Voted to choose but one agent

Voted to choose by hand vote

Chose Jonas Marshall Jur<sup>r</sup> Agent

Voted on the 3<sup>d</sup> Article to choose a committee to confer with Capt Oliver Fox respecting the damages he has sustained by reason of the road's passing through his land.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Chose Committee Joseph Simonds, Voted to excuse Mr Simonds from serving on the committee  
 Joseph Down Jur<sup>r</sup> Esqr  
 John Whitcomb. Voted to excuse Mr Whitcomb.  
 Joseph Richardson  
 Jonas Marshall Jur<sup>r</sup>

Voted to choose a committee of three, to confer with Mr Jacob Upton respecting the damages he has sustained in consequence of the road's passing through his lands.

Chose Capt Joseph Farwell  
 William Downe } Committee.  
 Abel Downe

Voted to discharge the committees, which were chosen to confer with Capt Oliver Fox & Mr Jacob Upton.

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle all matters in dispute between Capt Oliver Fox and the Town and between Mr Jacob Upton and the Town.

Voted to choose by nomination

Chose Joseph Richardson  
 Jonas Marshall Jur<sup>r</sup> } Committee  
 Capt Zachariah Sheldon

Voted on the 3<sup>d</sup> Article that the business be referred to the last chosen Committee

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest            P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[481] To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freehold-

ers and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives in the general court of this Commonwealth to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day of Nov<sup>r</sup> next at two o clock P. M. to give in their votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, qualified according to the constitution thereof; whose names shall be borne on one tickett, either written or printed, and such tickett shall contain the name of at least one inhabitant of each of the several districts, into which the Commonwealth is at present divided for the choice of Representatives in Congress, and against the name of each person on such tickett, the district in which he resides shall be designated.

Also at the same time and place to give in their votes for a representative to the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this eleventh day of October AD. 1824.

Joseph Simonds      } Selectmen  
William Kilburn Jur } of  
Alpheus Boutell      } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg October 16, 1824 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives in the general Court of this Commonwealth holden on the first day of November AD 1824 for the purpose of giving in their votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. Also [482] for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Worcester North District. Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by law is directed

## Electors of President &amp; Vice President.

Electors at large	{ Hon William Gray . . . . .	98 votes
	\ Hon Levi Lincoln . . . . .	98
	\ Hon William Baylies . . . . .	7
	\ Hon William Reed . . . . .	7
Suffolk District	{ Hon Thomas L. Winthrop . . . . .	98
	\ Hon Samuel Hubbard . . . . .	7
Essex South	{ Hon Nathaniel Silsbee . . . . .	98
	\ William Sutton Esqr . . . . .	7
Essex North	{ Doct Joseph Kittredge . . . . .	98
	\ David How Esqr . . . . .	7
Norfolk.	{ Hon John Endicott . . . . .	98
	\ Hon Benjamin Reynolds . . . . .	7
Plymouth	{ Hon Thomas Weston . . . . .	98
	\ Benjamin Hobart Esqr . . . . .	7
Worcester North	{ Col. Edmund Cushing . . . . .	98
	\ Hon Solomon Strong . . . . .	7
Worcester South	{ Gen Jonathan Davis . . . . .	98
	\ Dr Daniel Thurber . . . . .	7
Bristol	{ Cornelius Grinnell Esqr . . . . .	98
	\ Hon John M Williams . . . . .	7
Middlesex	{ Augustus Tower Esqr . . . . .	98
	\ Hon Edmund Foster . . . . .	7
Barnstable	{ Hezekiah Barnard . . . . .	98
[483]	\ Nymphes Marston Esqr . . . . .	7
Berkshire	{ Hon William Walker . . . . .	105
Franklin	{ Oliver Smith Esqr . . . . .	98
	\ Gen Samuel Porter . . . . .	7
Hampden	{ Enos Foot Esqr . . . . .	98
	\ Dr Timothy Horton . . . . .	7

## For Representative to Congress.

Hon Joseph G. Kendall . . . . .	48 votes
Hon Samuel Dana . . . . .	27
Gen. Ivers Jewett . . . . .	2

Joseph Simonds	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Francis Dean	
William Kilburn Ju <sup>r</sup>	
Alpheus Boutell.	

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

## Perambulating Town Lines

Nov. 22. 1824 We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lunenburg & Fitchburg, met at the northeast corner of said Fitchburg and erected a stake and marked it with the letter L. on Lunenburg side and F on Fitchburg side, and thence southerly to the road near Jon<sup>a</sup> Thurstons to a stake and stones the stake marked with the letter L for Lunenburg & F. for Fitchburg also D. K. J. M. & W K. Z. S. thence southerly to the road near Samuel Hiltons and erected a stake and marked it as above, thence southerly to a stake and stones about 8 rods south of the road leading from Lunenburg to Fitchburg on land of the late Dr Peter Snow and marked as above, thence southeast to a white oak tree which is Fitchburg southeast corner, marked as before mentioned

David Kilburn      } Selectmen of  
Jacob Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup> } Lunenburg  
Zachariah Sheldon } Selectmen of  
William Kilburn Ju<sup>r</sup> } Fitchburg

## [484] Perambulating Town Lines

Fitchburg Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1824 We the Subscribers Selectmen of Ashby and Fitchburg have this day perambulated the line between said Towns and have renewed bounds as the law directs.

Rober W Burr      } Selectmen of  
Stephen Wyman } Ashby  
Zachariah Sheldon } Selectmen of  
Francis Deane      } Fitchburg

Fitchburg Nov 26. 1824. We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg and Robert Taylor agent for the Selectmen of Leominster have this day perambulated the line between said Towns and have renewed bounds as the law directs.

Alpheus Boutell      } Selectmen of  
Zachariah Sheldon } Fitchburg

Rober Taylor Agent for Selectmen of Leominster

Fitchburg Nov 27. 1824. We the Subscribers Selectmen of Westminster and Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg and Philip F Cowdin authorized by the Selectmen of Fitchburg have this day perambulated

the line between said Towns and renewed the bounds agreeably to law.

Zebina Spaulding) Selectmen of  
Smyrna Whitney ) Westminster

Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg

P. F. Cowdin Agent

Fitchburg Nov. 27. 1824. We the Subscribers Seletmen of Ashburnham and Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg, and Philip F. Cowdin authorized by the Seletmen of Fitchburg have this day perambulated the lines between said Towns and renewed the bounds agreeably to law.

John Adams Jr<sup>t</sup> Selectman of Ashburnham

Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg

P. F Cowdin Agent

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[485] 1825 March Meeting Warrant

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

. . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the free-holders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at nine o clock in the morning to act on the following articles Viz

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen Assessors and all other Town Officers agreeable to law and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper

3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon

4 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing or act any thing respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

5 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges

6. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Asefsors.

7 To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.

8 To see if the Town will suffer the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the year ensuing.

9 To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town or act any thing thereon.

11 To see if the Town will take any measures to oppose a road laid out by request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others or act any thing thereon.

12 To see if the Town will direct their Highway Surveyors to keep the roads open during the winter season or act any thing thereon

13 To see if the inhabitants of the Town will vote to request the Court of Sessions to cause a map of the County of [486] County of Worcester from actual Surveys to be made at the expense of said County on which the County and Turnpike roads shall be accurately marked together with such other things as said Court shall think necessary.

14 To see what method the Town will take to notify their Town Meetings in future and act any thing thereon.

15 To see if the Town will raise any further sum or sums of money for defraying the expenses of completing a new engine or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of February AD. 1825

Joseph Simonds Francis Dean William Kilburn Jur Alpheus Boutell	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
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Worcester fs. Pursuant to the warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed to

meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg

Fitchburg Feb. 19. 1825

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March AD. 1825. The meeting being opened

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

2 Chose Peter S. Snow Town Clerk. Joseph. Simonds Town Treasurer

Joseph Downe Ju <sup>r</sup> .	Joseph Downe Ju <sup>r</sup>
John Willard	John Willard
Isaiah Putnam	Isaiah Putnam

Assessors

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour Met according to adjournment.

[487] Chose

A Perry Cowdin <sup>x</sup>	William Kilburn 3 <sup>d</sup>	Highway Surveyors
Amos Pearce <sup>x</sup>	Stephen Lowe	
David Boutell <sup>x</sup>	Elnathan Gibson <sup>x</sup>	
Joshua Phillips <sup>x</sup>	Amos Sheldon 3 <sup>d</sup>	
Payson Williams <sup>x</sup>	Benjamin Sheldon Ju <sup>r</sup>	
Asa Holt	Daniel Lowe	
Noah Andrews	Ebenezer Hutchinson <sup>x</sup>	
Benjamin Brown	John Harris	

Lewis Wheeler <sup>x</sup>	Elijah McIntire Ju <sup>r</sup> <sup>x</sup>	Surveyors of Lumber
Thomas Damon		
Nathan Ordway	Cullers of Thomas Livermore	
Joseph Downe Ju <sup>r</sup>	Hoops & John Harris	

Joseph F Hovey	Staves Josiah Sheldon	Surveyors of Lumber
John Carter		
John Harris		

William Carleton	
John Carter	
John Harris	
William Carleton	

Paul Wetherbee	Asaph Meriam	Field Drivers
William Carlton	Samuel Phelps	
Levi Whitney	Jacob Upton	
Seth Phillips	Samuel Hale	
Ebenezer Thurston	David Lowe	
John Eaton	Francis Deane <sup>sworn</sup>	

Capt Thomas Thurston	David D McIntire	Hog Reeves
Calvin Wood	Nathan Hartwell	
John Smith	Benjamin Whitney	
Warren Parkhurst	Asa Holt	
William Kilburn 3 <sup>d</sup>	William Stratton	
Amos Sheldon 3 <sup>d</sup>	James Harris	
David Whittemore	John Sawyer	
	Jerrus Skinner	
Joseph Battles	Asa Kinsman	Tythingmen
William Wilder	Calvin Wood	
Alpheus Kimball	Amos Durant	Firewards
Oliver Fox	Joseph Farwell	
Joseph F. Hovey Pound keeper		
[488] March Meeting continued		
Chose Jonas A Marshall	Micah Shattuck	
Tyler Daniels	Amos Lawrence Jur	
Jonah Rice	Leonard Burbank	School Committe
Levi Whitney	Elijah McIntire Jur	
Nathan Ordway	Timothy F Downe	
Asa Sawyer		
Payson Williams		

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to raise one thousand dollars to support the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing and to allow twelve cent pr. hour for work done upon the highways.

4 Voted to raise nine hundred dollars to support the Schools the year ensuing and that one hundred dollars shall be divided among the small school districts at the discretion of the Selectmen.

5 Voted to pass over the fifth article to the adjournment

6 Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Afsefsors.

Chose Joseph Upton Calvin Willard Joseph Simonds for the Committee

7 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to let out the support of the Town Paupers to one person, they being under their inspection and direction

- 8 Voted to pass over the eighth article  
 9 Voted to restrain neat cattle from running at large  
 10 Voted to pass over the tenth article to the adjournment

11 Voted to choose a Committee to oppose the acceptance of the road laid out by request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others

Voted to choose a committee of three to attend to that service free from any expense to the Town.

Chose Jonas Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup> Joseph Downe Ju<sup>r</sup> & Payson Williams

12 Voted to pass over the twelfth article

13 Voted to pass over the thirteenth article

14 Voted that the Constables be directed to warn all Town meetings by putting up a notice at both meeting houses

Voted that Town meetings may be called in future by giving eight days notice

15 Voted to pass over the fifteenth article to the adjournment

[489] On the second article Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of taxes, and that they attend to that service this evening

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at three o clock, P M.

Attest Peter S. Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. March 7<sup>th</sup> 1825. Then Peter S. Snow personally appeared and made oath, truly to record all votes passed at the meeting at which he was chosen Town Clerk in the Town of Fitchburg and at all other Town meetings during the year and untill another Town Clerk shall be chosen and sworn in his stead and also faithfully to discharge all the duties of Town Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

A True Copy Attest P S. Snow. Town Clerk.

Conditions of letting out the Taxes the ensuing year To be let out to the lowest bidder on hundred dollars by his giving good security to the acceptance of the Town

Fitchburg March 7 1825

Bid off to Abel Downe at \$1..39 on the hundred dollars

Joseph Downe Ju<sup>r</sup>  
John Willard  
Isaiah Putnam } Committe

A True Copy Attest Peter S. Snow Town Clerk.

March 7. 1825. Then A Perry Cowdin Amos Pearce Joshua Phillips Elnathan Gibson Ebenezer Hutchinson & Elijah McIntire Ju<sup>r</sup> appeared and took the oath by law required to be taken by Highway Surveyors

Then Jos F Hovey & Josiah Sheldon took the oath by law required to be taken by Cullers of Hoops and staves.

Then John Carter and William Carlton took the oath by law required to be taken by Fence Viewers

Then W<sup>m</sup> Carlton, Levi Whitney Eben<sup>r</sup> Thurston Asaph Meriam Jacob Upton Sam Hale & Francis Dean took the oath required by law to be taken by Field drivers

Then Jerrus Skinner took the oath of a Hog Reeve

Then Joseph F Hovey took the oath of a Pound keeper & Culler of Hoops & Staves

before me P S. Snow Town Clerk.

March. 12. Then David Boutell Payson Williams. & Lewis Wheeler. took the oath required to be taken by Highway Surveyors

before me P S Snow Town Clerk.

[490] March 28<sup>th</sup> 1825 Then Benjamin Sheldon personally appeared and took the oath by law required to be taken by a Highway Surveyor

Before me P S. Snow Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting

Worcester fs. March 15<sup>th</sup> 1825

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
..... Greeting

seal You are hereby required in the name of the  
seal Commonwealth of Massachussetts to notify and warn  
seal the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qual-  
ified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut.

Governor. Senators and Counsellors to meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse on Monday the fourth day of April next at two o clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor Lient Governor Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fifteenth day of March AD. 1825

Joseph Downe Ju <sup>r</sup>	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Isaiah Putnam	Fitchburg	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg March 21, 1825

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the within named Inhabitants as within directed  
Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the preeeding Warrant. The whole number of votes given in were sorted [491] counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons

For Governor

Hon Levi Lincoln . . . . .	111
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For Lieut Governor

His Honor Marus Morton . . . . .	114
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Senators

Hon Joseph G. Kendall . . . . .	115
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Bezaleel Taft Esqr . . . . .	115
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Nathan <sup>l</sup> Houghton Esqr . . . . .	115
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W <sup>m</sup> Crawford. Esqr . . . . .	115
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Joseph Davis Esqr . . . . .	113
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Nathan <sup>l</sup> P Denny Esqr . . . . .	1
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Jos Downe Ju <sup>r</sup>	}	Selectmen
John Willard		of
Isaiah Putnam	Fitchburg	

Attest. P S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 4, 1825 was opened

- Chose Samuel Houghton Collector  
 Chose Samuel Houghton & John Sawyer Constables  
 Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen  
 to settle with the Treasurer  
 Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray  
 the necessary expenses of the Town  
 10<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over the tenth Article  
 15<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise fifty dollars for the purpose of  
 defraying the expenses of completing the new Engine.  
 Voted to raise twenty five dollars in addition to the  
 fifty dollars already voted for the purpose of paying the  
 expenses of completing the Engine.  
 Voted to choose another Highway Surveyor in addi-  
 tion to the one already chosen for Centre District.  
 Chose Jonas Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup>.  
 Voted to take up the 7th Article  
 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to  
 let out the support of the Town Paupers, who have not  
 already been disposed of, and all that may become Town  
 Paupers during the present, to the lowest bidder at a  
 certain sum per week for each person  
 Voted to dissolve the Meeting  
 Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[492] Report of the Committee chosen to settle with  
 the Town Treasurer

The Subscribers a Committee duly chosen by the Town  
 at their annual meeting in March last past, for the pur-  
 pose of making a settlement with their Treasurer Jonas  
 Marshall Ju<sup>r</sup>. report as follows to wit.

The Town Treasurer Dr.	
For Cash paid over to him by Joseph Simonds	
Treasurer for 1823 . . . . .	241.39
“ Recvd of Daniel Flint Collector for 1822 in completion of his Collection for said year	116.10
“ Recvd of Abel Downe Collector for 1823 in completion of his Collection for said year	545.39
“ Recvd of sundry persons for conditional Ex- emption from Military Duty . . . . .	10.00

" Recvd of the Selectmen that they receivd of the Towns of Sudbury and Lancaster and the State and of Leonard Burbank . . . . .	108.44
" Recvd of Abel Downe Collector for 1824 in part of his Collections for said year . . . . .	3026.20
" Interest receivd of Sundry persons on the Towns money . . . . .	6.03
	<u>\$4053.55</u>

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By payment of Orders drawn by the Selectmen .	3180.42
" paying note due from the Town to Levi Farwell	106..
By " " " " " Sam <sup>l</sup> Hale .	296.94
By " " " " " Joseph Downe Esqr . . . . .	99.07
By paying six dollars of Asa Perry's Note towards the principal and the interest . . . . .	29.81
By paying note to Asa Perry . . . . .	304.75
By my services as Treasurer for the year 1824 .	12.
By paying the interest on Moses Hales note & Jon <sup>a</sup> Lowes . . . . .	12.
	<u>4040.99</u>
Ballance in cash paid to Joseph Simonds the pres- ent Treasurer . . . . .	12.56
	<u>4053.55</u>

The Committee find due from the Town to Moses Hale . . . . .	157.50
Jonathan Lowe . . . . .	52.50
To the School Districts . . . . .	256.54
Outstanding Town Orders . . . . .	13.33
Due to the Selectmen for their Services the past year . . . . .	88.38
Amounting in the whole to . . . . .	<u>\$568.25</u>

We find due from Abel Downe on his tax bills for the year 1824. subject to a deduction of his commissions for collecting . . . . .	881.88
From which deduct . . . . .	568.25
Leaves a ballance of . . . . .	<u>\$313.63</u>
in favour of the Town	

All which is respectfully Submitted by

Calvin Willard  
Joseph Upton } Committee  
Joseph Simonds  
Jonas Marshall Treasurer

A True Copy      Attest      P S. Snow Town Clerk

[493] April 14. 1825 Then Sam<sup>l</sup> Houghton took  
the oath required by law to be taken by a Collector of  
taxes before me

P S. Snow Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal Your are hereby required in the name of the  
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn  
Seal all the male inhabitants of said Town qualified by  
Seal the constitution to vote for representatives in the  
General Court of this Commonwealth to meet at the first  
Parish meeting house on Monday the second day of May  
next at two o clock in the afternoon for the purpose of  
choosing one or more representatives to represent them at  
the General Court appointed to be convened and held at  
Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg  
this fourteenth day of April 1825

Joseph Downe Jur<sup>r</sup> } Selectmen  
John Willard      } of  
Isaiah Putnam      } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. April 15<sup>th</sup> 1825 I hereby certify that in  
obedience to the within. I have this day notified the In-  
habitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg qual-  
ified as within exprefsed, to meet at the time and place  
and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up  
notifications thereof at both the meetinghouses in the  
centre of said Fitchburg.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of  
the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place

and for the purpose therein mentioned. The meeting being opened It was

Voted not to send a represtive to the General Court,  
the current year                  Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk.

[494] May 1825

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Com-  
monwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify  
Seal the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town  
Seal qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at  
the first Parish Meetinghouse on Monday the second day  
of May next at three o clock P M to act on the following  
articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will take any measures to  
make a new road lately accepted by the Court of Sessions  
or any part of it.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will take any measures to  
purchase a farm to support their Poor or act any thing  
thereon

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept any road laid out  
by the Selectmen or their order

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day  
of April 1825                  Joseph Downe Jur<sup>r</sup> Selectmen of  
Isaiah Putnam                  } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. April 15 1825 I hereby certify that in  
obedience to the within I have this day notified the In-  
habitants of the within-named Town of Fitchburg qualifi-  
ed, as within mentioned, to meet at the time and place  
and for the purposes within exprefsed by posting up noti-  
fications of the same at both the meetinghouses in the  
centre of said Fitchburg.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants of  
the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the time and place  
and for the purposes therein mentioned.

The meeting being opened voted

Chose Capt Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

Voted to make the road as laid out by the Courts Committee from the County road by Mr David Boutells to the bridge near Gen. Leonard Burbanks Paper mill

Voted to choose a committe to let out the making [495] of the abovementioned road, provided it can be made with safety to the Town; said road to be completed by the first of July next

Chose Phillip F. Cowdin }  
Oliver Fox } Committee  
Jonas Marshall Jur }

Voted to pass over the third article

Voted to pass over the fourth article

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Seal Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in Seal said Fitchburg on Friday the thirteenth day of May instant at three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of May AD 1825

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen of  
Isaiah Putnam } Fitchburg

Worcester fs May 5<sup>th</sup> 1825 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose therein mentioned, by posting up notifications thereof at the First and Second Parish Meetinghouses in said Town.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed. The meeting being opened

Voted to send one representative

Chose the Hon John Shepley to represent them at the General Court.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The Hon John Shepley had	64 votes for Representative
Joseph Downe Ju <sup>r</sup> Esqr	19
Jonas Marshall Ju <sup>r</sup>	2
Capt Oliver Fox	1
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Whole number of votes	86

Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

[496] 1825 June

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinhhouse on Thursday the ninth day of June instant at four o clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will choose a committee to cooperate with the general committee chosen at Leominster at a meeting held on on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May last for the purpose of viewing a route for a canal from Bolton to Athol.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this first day of June AD. 1825

Fitchburg June 1<sup>st</sup> 1825

Joseph Downe Ju<sup>r</sup> } Selectmen  
Isaiah Putnam } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg June 2<sup>d</sup> 1825 In compliance with the above warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to assemble at the First Parish Meeting-house, as above directed by posting up attested copies of the above warrant at each of the Congregational Meeting-houses in said Town    Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, the meeting being opened.

Chose Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee, to cooperate with the General Committee, chosen at Leominster on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May last, for the purpose of viewing a route for a canal from Bolton to Athol.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to select and make a list of persons suitable to compose said Committee.

Chose Doct Abel Fox

Joseph Simonds

Ephraim Kimball

[497] Said Committee of three, reported the following list

Joseph Downe Jur<sup>r</sup>

Jonas A. Marshall

Phillip F Cowdin

Isaiah Putnam

Alpheus Kimball

Abiel L. Towne

Oliver Fox

Voted to accept the above report

Voted to add three persons to the above Committee

Chose Ephraim Kimball

Abel Downe

Abel Fox

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P S. Snow T. Clerk

Worcester fs.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the  
 Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
 Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
 town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to  
 meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in  
 said Town on monday the fifth day of September next at  
 four o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will accept of the list of names  
 made out by the subscribers to serve as Jurors.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will discontinue any town road  
 or act any thing thereon.

4 To see if the town will petition the Court of Sessions to discontinue any County road or act any thing thereon.

5 To see if the town will accept of any road laid out by the selectmen or their order or act any thing thereon.

6 To see if the town will petition the Court of Sessions to lay out any road from Fitchburg meeting house to the County road at Ashburnham line or act any thing thereon. Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of August AD. 1825

Joseph Downie } Selectmen  
 John Willard } of  
 Isaiah Putnam } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. August 23, 1825 Pursuant to the within warrant

[498] 1825 Sept.

I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed. The meeting being opened

1 Chose Capt Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

2 Voted to accept the list of names made out by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors

3 Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant

4 Voted to petition the Court of Sessions to discontinue the County road leading from Jacob Uptons to the road, where Jonathan Cummings formerly lived. Also the road leading from the bridge to the house formerly occupied by the Widow Grace Wood.

5 Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant

6 Voted to choose a committee to petition the court of Sessions for a Jury to obtain a redress of grievances on account of a road laid out from Jacob Uptons to Leominster line.

Chose Jonas Marshall Jur<sup>r</sup> Committee

Voted that he be directed to petition for a Jury or a Committee as he shall think it most conducive to the interests of the Town

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow T. Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish

[499] 1825 Nov.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Seal warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified Seal by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first Parish meeting house on thursday the seventeenth day of November instant at one o clock P. M. to act on the following articles.

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see what order the Town will take respecting an order of notice from the Court of Sessions on the petition of Amos Sheldon 2<sup>d</sup> and others for a County road from Oliver Fox's Potash to Ashburnham line

3<sup>d</sup> To see what the Town will do respecting an order of notice from the Court of Sessions on the discontinuance of the road from Jacob Uptons' to the road leading from

Fitchburg to Lunenburg, Also the road from the Bridge to the house of the Widow Wood.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg the seventh day of November, 1825

Joseph Downe Jr!	Selectmen
John Willard	of
Isaiah Putnam	Fitchburg

Worcester fs. November 8<sup>th</sup> 1825. In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed. The meeting being opened

1 Chose Capt Philip F Cowdin Moderator.

[500] 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant

3 Voted to pass over the third article

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse on Monday the nineteenth day of December instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see what measures the town will take to oppose the laying out and establishing a road from Oliver Fox's Potash to Ashburnham line or act any thing thereon respecting said road as they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this seventh day of December AD. 1825

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen of  
John Willard      } Fitchburg

Worcester fs December 8 1825. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned     Samuel Houghton Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1825. The meeting being opened

Chose Capt Oliver Fox Moderator

Voted to choose an agent to oppose the laying out and establishing the road from Oliver Foxes Potash to Ashburnham line. Chose Payson Williams Esqr. Agent

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Peter S. Snow T. Clerk

[501] Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Seal warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for a Representative to the General Court, to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse, on Saturday the twenty-first day of January instant at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court now in session at Boston.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of January AD. 1826.

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen  
Isaiah Putnam    } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 1826. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said

Town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time, and place and for the purpose within named

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 1826

The meeting being opened

Voted to choose a representative to supply the vacant seat of John Shepley Esqr

The whole number of votes given in were 131

Joseph Downe Ju<sup>r</sup> Esqr had 74 votes and was chosen

Capt Oliver Fox had                  41    do

Mr Francis Perkins had              14    do

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

### [502] 1826 March Meeting

To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles, Viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and all other Town officers agreeably to law and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors, the Town may deem proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing, or

act any thing respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

5<sup>th</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges.

6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Assessors.

7<sup>th</sup> To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

8 To see if the Town will suffer the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

9 To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

10 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon.

11. To see if the Town will take any measures respecting a citation served on them from the court of Sessions respecting a road laid out by the request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

12 To see what method the Town will take to notify their Town meetings in future and act any thing thereon.

[503] 13 To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

14 To bring in their votes for Register of deeds for the County of Worcester for five years next after the term of the present Register expires.

15 To see whether the Town will accept of proposals made by Abijah Allen & Samuel Parker in relation to removing Mr Phinehas Allen and wife, who are chargeable to the Town, and pass all votes relative thereto.

16 To see if the Town will appoint the Town Treasurer to be collector of taxes for the year ensuing according to the provisions of law, and pass all votes relative thereto.

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this sixteenth day  
day of February AD. 1826

John Willard } Selectmen  
Isaiah Putnam } of Fitchburg

Worcester ss. February 18<sup>th</sup> 1826. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in all town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time & place and for the purposes therein expressed. The meeting being opened.

Chose Philip F Cowdin Moderator  
 P. S. Snow, Town Clerk  
 Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer  
 Chose Joseph Downe Jur<sup>r</sup>  
 Zachariah Sheldon  
 Payson Williams } Seletmen  
 David Boutell  
 Francis Perkins  
 Joseph Downe Jur<sup>r</sup>  
 Zachariah Sheldon } Assessors  
 Payson Williams

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Chose James Cowdin	Silas Lawrence	Highway Surveyors
Joseph Battles	Samuel Hawes	
Oliver Fox	Warren Chase	
Philip F. Cowdin	John Carter	
Calvin Wood	Asa Kinsman	
Josiah Brown	Perly McIntire	
Amos Lawrence Jur <sup>r</sup>	Amos Wheeler Jur <sup>r</sup>	
Elijah Brown	Abraham Osborn	
Ebenezer Thurston	Daniel Works	
Warren Parkhurst	Mannassch Sawyer	
Joseph F Hovey	Cullers of	Surveyors of Lumber
Nathan Ordway	Hoops & Staves	
Abijah Hartwell		
Ephraim Osborn Jur <sup>r</sup>		
Josiah Sheldon Jur <sup>r</sup>		

Ebenezer Thurston	Fence Viewers	Levi Whitney Charles Derby Samuel Houghton Daniel Low	Field Drivers
John Harris			
Ward Harris			
Ebent Torrey	James Fenno		
Alpheus Bontell	Asa Kinsman		
Elliot P. Tucker	Leonard Farnsworth		
Lewis Ripley	William Damon		
Benj J Kendall	James McIntire		Hog Reeves
Hiram Adams	Elijah Felt		
James Hartwell	Mowry Farnum		
Flint Sheldon	Edward S. Goodfellow		
Capt Alpheus Kimball	Jon <sup>a</sup> Whittemore Jur <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Hawes	
Francis Perkins		Joseph Farwell	Firewards
Jonas A Marshall			
George Wood. Poundkeeper			
Francis Perkins	Thomas Eaton		
Joseph Battles Jur <sup>r</sup>	Clark Hilton		
Levi Farwell	Samuel Sheldon		
Moses Hale	Jerem <sup>h</sup> Kinsman Jur <sup>r</sup>		School Committee
Samuel Caswell	Capt Martin Newton		
	Daniel Works		
	Joseph Downe Jur <sup>r</sup>		
Jonas Marshall	William Downe		Tythingmen
Benjamin Fuller	Abel Bruce		

[505] Voted to let out the collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder; the Collector giving bonds to the Town for the faithful discharge of his trust.

Voted that the moderator shall let out the collection of taxes on the spot.

It was accordingly let out to Abel Downe at one dollar on the hundred.

Voted to accept Joseph Farwell & Alpheus Kimball as bondsman for Mr Downe

Chose Abel Downe Collector of Taxes

Alpheus Kimball	Constables
Mannafseh Sawyer	

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to raise one thousand dollars the year

ensuing, to be laid out as last year, to support the highways and Bridges.

4 Voted to raise eleven hundred dollars to support the schools the year ensuing, One hundred of which shall be divided among the small districts, at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted to choose a Committee to select Candidates for a Committee to assist the Clerymen of the Town in the inspection of schools, and in the examinations of the qualifications of Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses.

Chose Joseph Downe Jun<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Torrey, David Brigham, & Payson Williams who reported the following list of persons for the above purposes.

Abel Fox	Charles Snow	Ivers Phillips
David Brigham	W <sup>m</sup> Kilborn 3 <sup>d</sup>	Levi Downe
J. A. Marshall	Barker Gibson	Charles Farwell

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

5. Voted to pass over the fifth article to the adjournment

6. Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors, and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Jonas Marshall, Joseph Farwell, Francis Perkins.

7. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of making some arrangements with Abijah Allen & Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker respecting the removal of Mr Phinehas Allen & wife to the State of N. York; and to make a report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Voted that the Town Paupers shall be under the disposal of the Selectmen for the year ensuing.

8. Voted to pass over the eighth article

9 Voted that neat Cattle shall be restrained from running at large the present year

10 Voted to pass over the tenth Article to the Adjournment

[506] 11 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee

to take such measures respecting a Citation served on the Town from the Court of Sessions, respecting a road laid out by the request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others as they may think expedient

12. Voted that Town meetings shall be notified as last year.

13 Voted to pass over the 13<sup>th</sup> Art to the adjournment.

14 The whole number of votes given in for Register of Deeds were eighty two, and were all for Artemas Ward Esqr.

15 Passed over

16 Passed over

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one o'clock P. M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. March 6, 1826. Personally appeared Peter S. Snow and took the oath prescribed by law for the faithfull performance of his duty as Town Clerk

Before me Eben<sup>r</sup> Torrey Jus pacis

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that Alpheus Kimball and Mannassah Sawyer both of Fitchburg have this day taken the oath prescribed by law as Constables in the Town of Fitchburg

Before me David Brigham J. P.

Fitchburg March 6, 1826

A true Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 6, 1826. Personally appeared Joseph Downe Ju<sup>r</sup> Zachariah Sheldon & Payson Williams & took the oath by law prescribed as Afsefors. & Selectmen. Also, David Boutell & Francis Perkins took the oath of Selectmen Also Oliver Fox, P. T. Cowdin Calvin Wood Eben<sup>r</sup> Thurston Silas Lawrence Amos Wheeler Ju<sup>r</sup> Daniel Works Mannasseh Sawyer took the oath of Higway Surveyors, Also J. F. Hovey & Nathan Ordway took the oath of Cullers of Hoops & Staves Also Abijah Hartwell & Josiah Sheldon took the oath of Surveyors of Lumber Also. Eben<sup>r</sup>

Thurston took the oath of a Fence Viewer, & Charles Derby the oath of a Field driver, Also. Eb<sup>r</sup> Torrey E P. Tucker Lewis Ripley B J. Kendall Hiram Adams, James Fenno, Leonard Farnsworth & James M<sup>c</sup>Intire took the oath of Hog. Reeves

before me P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1826. Samuel Hawes took the oath of a Highway Surveyor before me P. S. Snow T Clerk

[507] 1826 April Meeting

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for, Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the First Parish Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the third day of April next, at three of the Clock. P. M. to give in their votes for Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands this 13 day of March in the  
year 1826 Joseph Downe Jur<sup>r</sup>

Joseph Downe Jr  
Zachariah Sheldon  
Payson Williams  
David Boutelle  
Francis Perkins } Selectmen  
of  
Fitchburg

I hereby certify that I have notified the male Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes as within directed

### Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

A legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

## For Governor

His Excell. Levi Lincoln . . . . .	64 votes
Hon Samuel Hubbard . . . . .	58
Hon James Lloyd . . . . .	10
Hon Moses Hale . . . . .	2

## To. Lieut Governor

Hon Samuel Hoar Jur <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	49 votes
Hon Samuel Hoar of Concord . . . . .	80
Hon Thomas L. Winthrop . . . . .	2
Hon Samuel Hale . . . . .	2

## Senators

Hon Joseph G. Kendall . . . . .	128 votes
“ Nathl Houghton . . . . .	122
“ Bezaleel Taft Jur <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	129
“ William Crawford Jur <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	110
William Eaton . . . . .	60
Col Samuel Mixter . . . . .	34
Hon Jonas Sibley . . . . .	11

## Senators

Hon. Nathan <sup>1</sup> P. Denny . . . . .	35
“ Silas Tolman . . . . .	9
“ Aaron Tufts . . . . .	8
“ Joseph Davis Efqr . . . . .	2
Joseph Battles . . . . .	1
Joseph Battles Jur <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1
Abel Downe . . . . .	2
Amos Brown . . . . .	2

Attest     P S Snow Town Clerk

[508] The meeting by adjournment from March 6. to April 3<sup>d</sup> 182. at one o clock. P M. was opened accordingly & on

Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town

Art 6. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer.

Art 10 Voted to authorize The Town Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town.

Art 13 Voted to pass over the thirteenth article to the adjournment.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for the superintendance and Regulation of Schools agreeably to an Act of the General Court passed. 1826

Voted to add the Clergymen of the Town to the above Committee

Voted to excuse Warren Chase, Elijah Brown & Moses Hale from serving as Highway Surveyors.

Chose Arrington Gibson, John Whitecomb & James Harris in their stead.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at one o clock in the afternoon

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Copy of the Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

The Subscribers, a committe chosen by the Town on the sixth day of March for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer, and for inspecting the accounts of the Selectmen and Afsesfors report as follows Viz

Treasurer . . . . .	Cr.
By payment of orders drawn on him by the Selectmen . . . . .	2228.86
“ paying interest on notes due to Moses Hale & Jon <sup>a</sup> Lowe . . . . .	12.
“ His services as Treasurer the year past . .	12.
	Total Amount
	2252.86

Treasurer	Dr
To cash paid by Jonas Marshall Ju <sup>r</sup> Treasurer for the year 1824 . . . . .	12.56
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To Cash recev <sup>d</sup> of Abel Downe in full of his Collection for the year 1824 . . . . .	881.88
Cash recev <sup>d</sup> of Sundry persons for certificates of conditional exemption from military duty . .	10.00
Cash recev <sup>d</sup> of the Selectmen paid by the Town of Holden for supporting Nathan Wheeler and wife . . . . .	121.92

Cash recev'd of the Seletmen which they receive from the Town of Leominster for providing for Adam Hawks . . . . .	8.00
Cash recev'd of Payson Williams Esqr. it being a moiety of a fine collected of Eliakim Davis for breach of Sabbath . . . . .	2.00
Cash recev'd of Payson Williams Esqr it being a fine collected of Simon Smith for profane swearing . . . . .	1.00
Cash recev'd of Samuel Houghton in part of his Collection for the year 1825 . . . . .	<u>1350.00</u>
Total Amount	2387.36

Leaving a ballance in his hands due the Town of . . . . .	134.50
We find due from Samuel Houghton on his Tax bill for the year 1825, subject to a deduction of his fees for collecting . . . . .	<u>637.12</u>
	771.62

The Committee find due from the Town to Moses Hale (Interest from last June) . . . . .	150.00
Due Jona Lowe . . . . .	50.00
Due the several School Districts . . . . .	266.92
We find of outstanding Orders . . . . .	32.87
Due the Seletmen for their services the year past	<u>79.07</u>
	578.86

Leaving a ballance in favour of the Town of . . \$192.76

All which is respectfully submitted. By

Jonas Marshall  
Joseph Farwell } Committee  
Francis Perkins }  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[510] 1826 May Meeting

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth to vote in the choice of Representatives, to meet and assemble at the first Parish meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of May next at two of the Clock P. M. to give in their votes for one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court next to be holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April A.D. 1826

Joseph Downe Ju <sup>r</sup>	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon		
Payson Williams		
David Boutelle		

Francis Perkins

Pursuant to the within I have notified the male Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

April 22, 1826.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1826. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purpose therein exprefsed

Voted to send one Representative

The votes were then given in, sorted and counted and were for the following persons

Francis Perkins had 78 votes and was chosen

Joseph Downe Ju<sup>r</sup> Esqr. 64

Pasan Williams 1

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[511] May 1<sup>st</sup> 1826. The meeting by adjournment from March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>d</sup> 1826, and from April 3<sup>d</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> 1826 was opened. The Selectmen of last year made the following report

Fitchburg January 7<sup>th</sup> 1826. We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg proceeded to lay out a

Town road or highway for the use of the inhabitants of said Town. Beginning six feet from the north west corner of Benj Fullers house and runs south 11 degrees west, twenty six rods on land of Benj Fuller, thence same course seventy one rods on land of Daniel Bacon to a small plumb tree, thence south 12° & thirty minutes thirty eight rods on said Beon's land, thence same course two rods over land of Jonathan Whitecomb, thence same course eighty eight rods on land of Abel Kendall to the Turnpike road. Whole distance 225 rods, the road to be two rods wide and the bounds on the east side of said road. The land given through said Fuller's and Bacons land. Said Kendall requires a wall built on one side of the road on his land as damages; the two rods over Mr Whitecombs land is expected to be purchased, which will be no damages. All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph Downe Jr<sup>r</sup> } Selectmen  
Isaiah Putnam      } of  
John Willard        } Fitchburg

N B. The road will be made free from any expense to the Town.

Voted to accept the above report, and to grant Enoch Bacon fifty dollars on the following conditions. The said Enoch Bacon shall make the road, & and pay all damages, free from any expense to the Town. Said fifty dollars to be paid when the road is completed and accepted by the Seletmen.

Voted to commit the management & support of Mr Phinehas Allen & wife and all things relative to them to the Selectmen

Voted to excuse James Harris from serving as a School Committee man.

Chose Solomon C. Pratt in his stead.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest

P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[512] 1826 July 12

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said Town on Wednesday the twelfth day of July instant at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will petition the Commissioners (who are appointed to manage the affairs of County roads) to proceed and discontinue the road lately laid out by a Courts' Committee from Leominster line near the house of Benj. Rogers, and passing near the house lately occupied by Jacob Upton to the road now travelled. Also to request the same Committee to proceed and supervise, lay out, and appraise the damages of a road lately laid out by a Courts Committee leading from Oliver Fox's Potash to Ashburnham line Given under our hands at Fitchburg this third day of July A.D. 1826.

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon		of
Payson Williams		Fitchburg
David Boutell		
Francis Perkins		

Worcester Is. July 4<sup>th</sup> 1826. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of Fitchburg to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

July 12<sup>th</sup> 1826

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned.

Chose Joseph Down Esqr. Moderator

Voted to choose a Committe for the purposes mentioned in the preceeding warrant.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for the abovementioned purposes. Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow T. Clerk

[513] 1826 Sept

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.  
Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free-holders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meeting house in said town on Friday the fifteenth day of September inst. at four o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To see what order the Town will take respecting an order of notice from the Commissioners of highways for the County of Worcester respecting the discontinuance of a part of the great road, between Fitchburg and Leominster, as described in s<sup>d</sup> order of notice, likewise respecting the supervision by the Commissioners of the road laid out by the Courts Committee from Foxes Potash, by Jonas Marshall's, near Joshua Phillips' to Ashburnham line, as described in said notice.

3<sup>d</sup> To if the Town will accept any road laid out by their Selectmen or their order.

4 To see if the Town will take any measures respecting the discharge of Abel French from Worcester jail.

Given under our hands the fourth day of September  
1826

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon		
Payson Williams		
David Boutelle		
Francis Perkins		

Worcester ss Fitchburg September 7<sup>th</sup> 1826. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within named  
Mannaseh Sawyer Constable

Fitchburg September 15<sup>th</sup> 1826 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg

assembled at the time & place and for the purposes above mentioned.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator

Voted that the three first Selectmen be a Committee to  
[514] 1826 Sept 15

attend upon the Commissioners of Highways

Voted to choose a Committee to petition the Supreme Court at their next Session, for the discharge of Abel French from prison.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon Joseph Downe Jr Oliver Fox.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in October next at 3. o'clock P M

Attest P S Snow Town Clerk

Fitchburg October 2<sup>d</sup> 1826 The meeting by adjournment from September 15<sup>th</sup> 1826 to the first monday in October, was opened. Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the twenty third day of October inst at two o clock P. M. Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Fitchburg October 23<sup>d</sup> 1826. The meeting by adjournment from October 2<sup>d</sup> to Oct. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1826 was opened.

Voted to choose a Committee in conjunction with the Selectmen to view the route for the road petitioned for by Reuben Billings & others

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall, D<sup>n</sup> Jacob Jaquith, Gen Ivers Jewett Capt Oliver Fox, William Kilborn Jur<sup>r</sup>

Voted to adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes.

Meeting was again opened according to adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in November next at 4 o clock P M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first

Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the twenty-third [515] day of October instant at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will choose a committee to apprehend all persons in said Town who by the excessive use of ardent spirits have exposed themselves to a law of the Commonwealth.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what method the Town will take respecting a view and survey of a route for a road from Shirley line through Fitchburg, Ashburnham, and Winchendon to Royalston; in concurrence with the citizens of the neighboring towns, and choose any Committees necessary, or act any thing thereon.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will raise money to make repairs or alter any road which may have been laid out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of October  
A. D. 1826 Francis Perkins } Selectmen  
David Boutelle } of  
Zachariah Sheldon } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1826

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Mannafseh Sawyer, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of October 1826, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Esqr Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee of nine persons to apprehend all persons, who by excessive use of ardent spirits have exposed themselves to a law of the Commonwealth

Chose Jonas Marshall Joseph Richardson Nathan Ordway  
Oliver Fox Arba Reed W<sup>m</sup> Carleton  
Ivers Jewett Levi Farwell Alpheus Kimball

Voted that the Selectmen be added to the above Committee.

Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to take such measures respecting a view and survey of a route [516] for a road from Shirly line through Fitchburg, Ashburnham and Winchendon to Royalston, in concurrence with committees of the above and neighboring Towns, as they may think expedient

Chose Oliver Fox, Ivers Jewett, Jonas Marshall } Committee  
Phillip T. Cowdin & William Kilborn Jr }

Voted that the above Committee be authorized in concurrence with the Committees aforesaid to petition the Commissioners of Highways to view locate & lay out a road on the route above mentioned.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in November next at three o'clock, P.M.

Attest, P S. Snow Town Clerk.

The meeting by adjournment from October 23, 1826, at two o'clock P. M. to November 6<sup>th</sup> 1826 was opened at four o'clock.

Voted to pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> article in the warrant

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from October 23<sup>d</sup> 1826 to November the 6<sup>th</sup> 1826. at three o'clock. P. M. was opened

Voted to pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Fitchburg, Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet and assemble at the first

Parish meeting house in said Fitchburg on the first monday in November next at one o clock P. M. to give in their votes for—representative to Congress for Worcester North District. Given under our hands this twenty third day of October at Fitchburg.

Joseph Downe Jr

Zachariah Sheldon

Francis Perkins

[517] Worcester ss. Fitchburg October 23<sup>d</sup> 1826  
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.  
Mannafseh Sawyer, Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of November, AD 1826, for the purpose of giving in there votes for a Representative to Congress for Worcester North District, Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted & recorded and were for the following persons Viz.

For Hon. Joseph G. Kendall forty four votes

For Hon John Locke . nine votes

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

1827 March

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.  
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting-house of the first Parish in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine o clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing collectors the Town may think proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

4 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise [518] to support their schools the year ensuing or act anything respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges.

6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Assessors.

7<sup>th</sup> To see what method the Town will take to support their poor in future, or act any thing thereon respecting purchasing real estate for that purpose.

8 To see if the Town will suffer their swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the year ensuing.

9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town or act any thing thereon

11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of any road laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will make any provision for removing the snow in the several Districts the year ensuing

13 To see if the Town will take any method to procure bucketts for Engine (Extinguisher) or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1827

Joseph Downe Jr	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon	of
David Boutelle.	Fitchburg

Worcester ss March 5<sup>th</sup> 1827 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of

Fitchburg to meet at the within time and place, by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days before the date hereof

Mannasseh Sawyer, Constable of Fitchburg

[519] 1827 March Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town of Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1825. The meeting being opened chose.

Phillip F. Cowdin	Moderator		
Peter S. Snow	Town Clerk		
Joseph Simonds	Town Treasurer		
Payson Williams		Payson Williams	
David Boutelle		David Boutelle	Afsefsors
Nathan Ordway	Selectmen	Nathan Ordway	
Francis Perkins			
Alpheus Boutell			
Joshua Goodridge		Calvin Howard	
Thomas Goodhue		Benjamin Wheeler	
David Boutelle		Elnathan Gibson	
Isaiah Putnam		John Stickney	
Asa Brown		Samuel Sheldon	Highway
William Carleton		Barker Gibson	Surveyors
Emory Carr		Silas W Hutchinson	
Joseph Simonds		John Harris	
Aaron Derby Jr		Hayman Wheeler	
Joseph Farnsworth		John Thurston	
Joseph F Hovey	Cullers of		
John Carter	Hoops & Staves		
Zachariah Sheldon	Surveyors		
John Harris	of		
Aaron Eaton	Lumber		
Thomas Harris		William Carleton	
Reuben Smith	Fence	Abram Osborn	Field
Joseph Upton	Viewers	John Sawyer	Drivers
Jacob Upton		Amos Wheeler	

Abel Fox	Washington Mellen
Abel Bruce	Justin Stearns
Jon <sup>a</sup> Haskell	William B. Fenno
Calvin Howard	John Pritchard
Barker Gibson	Asher Green
Joseph Townsend	Arrington Gibson 2 <sup>d</sup>
Silas W Hutchinson	Francis Hinds
John M Adams	Josiah S. Houghton
Jonas A Marshall	John Brown
John Caldwell Jr	Samuel Farwell
	James Whittemore

Hog  
Reeves

[520] 1827 March

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint three persons as Measurers of Wood.

Chose Alpheus Kimball	Samuel Hawes
Francis Perkins	Joseph Farwell
Jonas A Marshall	David Boutell

Firewards

Voted to excuse Samuel Hawes from serving as Fireward

Chose George Wood, Pound Keeper

Joseph Farwell	Augustus H. Searle
Joseph Battles	Amos Sheldon 3 <sup>d</sup>
Charles Beckworth	Elnathan Gibson
Abram Osborn	David Boutelle
Abel Thurston	William Carleton
Lewis Wheeler	Benjamin Fuller

School Committee

Voted that an additional School Committee be chosen at the adjournment.

Chose Benjamin Sheldon	Aaron Eaton
Amos Durant	Eph <sup>m</sup> Osborn

Tythingmen

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour.

The meeting being again opened, Voted that the Collectorship be let out upon the same conditions as last year, by the Moderator to the lowest bidder, in a half an hour from this time.

Voted to take up the 12<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant

Voted to pass over the 12<sup>th</sup> Article

The half hour having expired; the collection of Taxes

was let out to Abel Downe at the rate of one dollar on the hundred.

Voted to accept of Alpheus Kimball and David Boutelle as sureties for Mr Downe.

Chose Abel Downe Collector.

Mannasseh Sawyer } Constables  
Alpheus Kimball }

Art 3<sup>d</sup> \$1000. Voted to raise one thousand dollars to repair the highways and bridges the year ensuing.

Voted to choose a committee to examine the bridge near the house formerly owned by Jacob Upton and if in their opinion it will be necessary to build a new bridge, they are hereby empowered to provide timber & other necessary materials for the same and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Jonas Marshall Zachariah Sheldon & Joseph Downe Jr. Committee

Voted to raise two hundred dollars in addition to the sum of \$1000, to repair the highways and bridges.

[521] Voted that the pay for work on the highways be the same as last year.

Art 4 Voted to raise eleven hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing, one hundred of which shall be divided among the small districts at the discretion of the Selectmen.

5 Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> Article to the adjournment.

6 Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer

Chose Ivers Jewett, Jonas Marshall, Benjamin Snow, Committee

7 Voted to choose a Committee of three persons as Overseers of the Poor. Also to take into consideration the best method of supporting the Poor in future, either by purchasing a farm for that purpose or otherwise, and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Jonas Marshall, Joseph Farwell, Committee

8. Voted to pass over the eighth Article in the warrant

9 Voted that neat cattle be restrained from running at large.

10 Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town.

11 The eleventh Article was passed over

13. Voted to grant fifty dollars towards furnishing bucketts for the Fire Engine, Extinguisher

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at one o clock P. M.

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1827 Then Payson Williams, David Boutelle and Nathan Ordway personally appeared before me and took the oath by law required as Selectmen & Assessors. Alpheus Boutell took the oath of Selectman. Thomas Goodhue, David Boutelle, Asa Brown, Elnathan Gibson, Samuel Sheldon & Hayman Wheeler took the oath of Highway Surveyors. Joseph F Hovey took the oath of a Culler of Hoops & Staves. Abel Fox Abel Bruce, Calvin Howard Barker Gibson, Joseph Townsend Jonas A Marshall, John Caldwell Jr Justin Stearns, John Pritchard, Ashur Green, took the oath of Hog Reeves.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Mannafsaah Sawyer took the oath of a Constable.

March 10<sup>th</sup> John Thurston, & Silas W Hutchinson took the oaths of Highway Surveyors

March 12 Isaiah Putnam took the oath of a Highway Surveyor.

March 13 James Whittemore took the oath of a Hog Reeve. John Sawyer took the oath of Field driver. March 29 Francis Perkins took the oath of a Seletman & Benj. Snow took the oath of a measurer of wood. April 2<sup>d</sup> Joseph Upton & Daniel Low were sworn as Fence Viewers

P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[522] 1827

Worcester vs Fitchburg March 26, 1827. Then personally appeared Peter S. Snow and took the oath re-

quired by law to qualify him to act as Town Clerk of Fitchburg for the ensuing year

Before me E. Torrey J. Peace

A true copy

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>d</sup> 1827 was opened. Voted to excuse Mr Reuben Smith from serving as a Fence Viewer. Chose Daniel Low in his stead.

Voted to excuse John Harris from Serving as a Highway Surveyor.

Chose Tim<sup>o</sup> F Downe in his stead.

Voted to choose a Town's Schooll Committee of seven Persons

Chose Rev<sup>d</sup> Calvin Lincoln Rev R A Putnam, David Brigham, Eben<sup>r</sup> Torrey, Ivers Jewett, Abel Fox, J. A. Marshall.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

Voted that the above Committee be authorized and directed to settle with the Town Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Seletmen and Alsefsors at the close of the current year.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to purchase a farm for the support of the Towns Poor.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be at liberty to omit buying a farm the present year, provided they think it not expedient to purchase, and if so they are hereby authorized to let out or otherwise dispose of the Poor in the way which they shall think most proper.

Voted, That provided the Overseers of the Poor shall purchase a farm, they are hereby authorized, to repair the buildings if necessary, stock the farm, provide an Overseer, farming tools and all other things which may be needful.

Voted to excuse Joseph Farnsworth from serving as Highway Surveyor.

Chose Asa Farwell in his stead.

Voted that the Committee chosen to examine the Bridge near the house formerly owned by Jacob Upton,

be authorized and directed to build and complete the bridge at that place.

Voted to excuse Joseph Downe Esqr & Joseph Farwell from serving as Overseers of the Poor.

\$2200, Voted to raise twenty two hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the Town the year ensuing.

Voted to add the five Seletmen to the board of Overseers of the Poor.

Payson Williams, David Boutelle Nathan Ordway, Francis Perkins & Alpheus Boutell were accordingly chosen

Voted to disolve the meeting

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[523] 1827 April

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second day of April next at three o clock P. M. to give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. Given under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1827

Payson Williams	}	Selectmen
David Boutelle		of
Nathan Ordway	}	Fitchburg
Alpheus Boutelle		

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the said inhabitants in the town of Fitchburg, to meet at the time and place, by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days before the date hereof.

Mannasseh Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg  
March 23, 1827

Pursuant to the above warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and

for the purpose therein exprefed. The whole number of votes given in were for the following persons Viz.

For Governor

His Excell. Levi Lincoln . . . . .	118 votes
Hon Marcus Morton . . . . .	15
Hon W <sup>m</sup> C. Jarvis . . . . .	5
Hon Samuel Hoar . . . . .	1

For Lieut Governor

His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop . . . . .	141
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Senators

Hon Josep Kendall . . . . .	136
“ Aaron Tufts . . . . .	136
Col Josep Davis . . . . .	133
Hon Silas Holman . . . . .	131
“ John W. Lincoln . . . . .	99
“ Edmund Cushing. . . . .	26
Joseph Bowman Esqr. . . . .	3

Attest. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

May 7. 1827 Capt Amos Durant took the oath of Sealer of weights and measures before me

P. S. Snow T Clerk

[524] 1827 April

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the second day of April next at 4 o clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will give their consent for Samuel Gibson to be set off to the Town of Ashby, or act any thing thereon.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will provide a Hearse and a building for the same, to be located near the westerly burying ground or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of March  
A.D. 1827

Payson Williams	}	Selectmen
David Boutelle		
Nathan Ordway		
Francis Perkins		

Alpheus Boutelle

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the within time and place, by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the public meetinghouses in said town fourteen days before the date hereof

Mannasseh Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg  
March 23, 1827

Pursuant to the above warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on 2<sup>d</sup> day of April 1827

Art 1 Chose Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

Art 2 The 2<sup>d</sup> article was passed over

3 Voted to provide a hearse and a building for the same to be located near the westerly burying ground.

Voted to choose a Committee to carry the above into effect.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee above mentioned

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[525] Copy of the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

Fitchburg March 24, 1827

The Subscribers a Committee duly chosen by the inhabitants of said Town, on the fifth day of March instant for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer, and for inspecting the accounts of the Seletmen and Assessors offer the following report Viz.

Treasurer . . . . .	Dr
To a ballance due from him to the Town on settlement in March 1826 . . . . .	\$134.50
" Cash paid by sundry persons for certificates of conditional exemption from Military duty the year past . . . . .	6.00
" Cash paid by Samuel Houghton in part of his collection for the year 1825 . . . . .	587.12
" Cash paid by Abel Downe in part of his collection for the year 1826 . . . . .	1765.16
" Cash recev'd of the Selectmen, paid by the Town of Lancaster for providing for Mrs Mary Willard . . . . .	7.00
" Cash recev'd of the same, paid by the town of Groton for providing for Silas Farmer . . .	13.00
Cash hired for the use of the Town . . . . .	200.00
	2712.78

Treasurer . . . . .	Cr
By payment of Orders drawn on him by the Selectmen . . . . .	2556.70
" Paying interest on notes due Jon <sup>a</sup> Lowe & Moses Hale . . . . .	12.00
His Services as Treasurer the year past . . . . .	12.00
Cash advanced to pay a bill at Charlestown in behalf of John Allen & R B Story . . . . .	39.75
Cash advanced to pay Road Commissioners . . . . .	57.44
	2677.89
Leaving a ballance in the Treasurers hands of	34.89
We find due the Town from Abel Downe on his Collection for the year 1826 . . . . .	375.38
Due from Samuel Houghton on 1825 Tax bill . . . . .	50.00
	460.27

The Committee find due from the Town to Moses Hale 157.50 To Jon <sup>a</sup> Lowe 52.50 To Levi Farwell 102.50. To Francis Perkins 100 . . .	
Total . . . . .	412.50
Due the several School Districts . . . . .	475.09

Due the Selectmen & Assessors for Services the year past . . . . .	58.25
We find due for Outstanding Orders . . . . .	<u>162.95</u>
	1108.79

Leaving a ballance against the Town of . . . . 648.52

J. Jewett  
Jonas Marshall } Committee  
Benjamin Snow }  
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

A True Copy              Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[526] 1827 May Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the First Parish Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the seventh day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands, this fourteenth day of April A.D. 1827

Payson Williams } Selectmen  
David Boutelle    } of  
Alpheus Boutell } Fitchburg  
Francis Perkins }

Worcester fs. April 17<sup>th</sup> 1827 I hereby certify that I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the above warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met on monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1827 for the purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant

Art 1 Voted to choose two Representatives the present year

The votes were then given in, sorted counted & declaration thereof made and were for the following persons

Votes for 1 <sup>st</sup> Repre- sentative	Francis Perkins had 92 votes and was chosen	
	Joseph Simonds	80 [first Representative
	Payson Williams	3
	Joseph Downe	2
	Eben <sup>r</sup> Torrey	2
Votes for 2 <sup>d</sup> Repre- sentative	Ivers Jewett	2
	Joseph Simonds had 88 votes and was chosen	
	Ebenezer Torrey had 73 [second Representative	
	Payson Williams	12
	David Brigham	1

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[527] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the First Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the seventh day of May next at three o clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of April A.D. 1827

Payson Williams		Selectmen
David Boutelle		of
Alpheus Boutell		Fitchburg
Francis Perkins		

Worcester fs. April 17, 1827 I hereby certify that I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg

to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball, Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1827 for the purposes therein expressed

Chose Francis Perkins Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee consisting of seven persons to examine a route for a road from Fitchburg to Ashby

Chose, Levi Farwell, P. F Cowdin Oliver Fox Alpheus Boutell, Jonas Marshall Joseph Farwell, Martin Newton.

Voted that the Committee be instructed to confer with the People of Ashby and to examine with them the whole route in Fitchburg and Ashby, and also to make an estimate of the probable damages.

Voted that the Committee be instructed to examine a route for a road from Benj. Tolmans' & Reuben Billings' to the contemplated road from Fitchburg to Ashby Also to estimate the damages and make a report at the adjournment of the meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to June 4<sup>th</sup> 1827 at 4 o clock P M. Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[528] 1827 June

The meeting by adjournment from May 7<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> 1827 at 4 o clock P. M. was opened

Chose Oliver Fox Moderator pro tem.

Voted that the plan of the routes for a road from Fitchburg to Ashby made by a Committee chosen for that purpose, be preserved with the Town Records.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at

the First Parish meetinghouse in sd Fitchburg on Wednesday the twenty fourth day of October instant, at two o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern sd meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning near Widow Nathan Andrews, on by Arrington Gibsons', house to the present travel'd road, or act any thing thereon.

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen through land of Amos Lawrence for the accomodation of William Withington, or act any thing thereon.

4<sup>th</sup> To see what measures the town will take respecting a citation served on the Clerk of said town, to shew cause if any they have, why Samuel Gibson together with his estate shall not be sett off to the town of Ashby, or act any thing thereon. Given under our hands this fifteenth day of October A. D. 1827

David Boutelle		Selectmen of Fitchburg
Francis Perkins		
Alpheus Boutell		
Nathan Ordway		

Worcester fs. By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg  
Fitchburg Oct. 15, 1827

[529] 1827 October .

Pursuant to the foregoing, warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expreſſed Voted &

Art 1 Chose Joseph Downe Jr Esqr Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to confer and agree with the owners of the land through which the contemplated road, beginning near the Widow Nathan Andrews & paſſing near the house of Arrington Gibson has been laid out by the Selectmen.

Chose Levi Farwell, Jacob Jaquith, Payson Williams, David Boutelle Alpheus Boutell, Committee

Voted to refer the consideration of the road petitioned for by William Withington, to the above Committee.

Voted that the Town instruct their Representatives to the General Court to oppose the petition of Samuel Gibson, praying to be set off, together with his estate, to the Town of Ashby.

Voted that the further consideration of the above, be postponed to the adjournment of the meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday November the third at one o clock P. M.

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from October 24 to November the 3<sup>d</sup> at one o clock P. M. was opened.

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted to accept the report of the Road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning near the Widow Nathan Andrews & passing by Arrington Gibsons, to the present travelled road, Provided that a bond satisfactory to the Selectmen shall be given within thirty days that the road shall be made without expense to the Town. The Town to pay the damages to the owners of the land through which said road is laid out.

#### Selectmen's Report

The Subscribers by request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out a road, commencing at a stake and stones on the old road, north of Widow Nancy Andrews, near the north west corner of Arrington Gibsons 2<sup>d</sup> land, from thence South 22° West 20 Rods to a stake and stones, thence South 24° west, 47 rods thence south 21° West 37½ rods, thence South 23½° West 36 rods, thence South 36° West, 20 Rods, thence South 37½° West 27 rods to an Ash tree, thence [530] Thence South 32° West 23 rods, thence South 61° West 11 rods thence South 40° West 23 rods, thence South 22 west 22 rods to the intersection of the two roads, making 266½ Rods.

The road is laid out two rods wide and bounded on the east side.

Through Arrington Gibsons 2<sup>d</sup> land 67 rods. Damage \$50.00

Through land of Widow Nancy Andrews 37½ rods  
Damage \$100.00

Through land of W<sup>m</sup> Withington 46 rods Damage  
\$30.00

Through land of Arrington Gibson 94 rods, to the line between s<sup>d</sup> Gibson & the heirs of the late Joseph Gibson, from thence 22 rods a stake and stones at the intersection of the two roads.

Arrington Gibson agrees to give the land for the road and fence it through his land.

Payson Williams } Selectmen  
David Boutelle } of  
Alpheus Boutelle } Fitchburg

Fitchburg October 27, 1827

Voted that a Committee of three persons be chosen to prepare a remonstrance to be presented to the General Court at the next Session to shew cause why the petition of Samuel Gibson, (praying that he together with his estate may be sett off from the Town of Fitchburg and annexed to Ashby,) shall not be granted.

Chose Ebenezer Torrey, Jonas Marshall, David Brigham, Committee

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester ls. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the First Parish Meetinghouse in said town on Saturday the third day of November next at two o clock P M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1 To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will vote any sum of money as an inducement for the Commissioners of Highways for the County to locate and make a road from Ashburnham line to the middle of this town, or act any thing thereon they may think expedient.

3 To see if the town will repair the Aquaduct at the Poor House, dig a well or act any thing thereon.

[531] Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1827. . .

Payson Williams	}	Selectmen
David Boutelle		of
Alpheus Boutell	}	Fitchburg
Nathan Ordway		

Worcester fs October 25<sup>th</sup> 1827. I served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said town fourteen days before the time of holding this meeting

Manafseh Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on saturday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of November A.D. 1827 The meeting being opened

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator

Voted to raise one thousand dollars towards defraying the expenses of making a road to Ashburnham line, provided said road shall be laid out and established by the Commisioners of Highways.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to communicate the above vote to the Commissioners of Highways at Worcester on the first week in December next

Chose David Brigham, Ebenezer Torrey & Nath<sup>l</sup> Wood, Committee

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to take such measures respecting the repairing of the aquaduct, or digging a well at the poor house as they may judge most expedient

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

## [532] 1828 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester is To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town, on Monday the third day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and all other Town Officers agreeable to law and act any thing respecting choosing collectors the Town may think proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing or act any thing respecting laying out the money, which they may deem proper.

5 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges.

6. To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing

7 To see what method the Town will adopt for carrying on their farm the year ensuing, or act anything thereon.

8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose a Committee to lay before the Town, the amount of expenses incurred in the support of their Poor the past year or act any thing thereon.

9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will grant any remuneration to Jeremiah Kinsman Jr for the support of the Widow Olive Mefesnger, the year past or act any thing thereon.

10 To see if the Town will suffer their swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the year ensuing

11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

12 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town or act any thing thereon.

13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town are in favour of the several School Districts choosing their Prudential Committee by Districts or act any thing thereon

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14<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will adopt the regulations for governing the Poorhouse and its inmates as made out by the Overseers of the Poor or act any thing thereon they may think expedient.

15<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the Accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the past year.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February A. D. 1828.

Payson Williams	}	Selectmen
David Boutelle		of
Nathan Ordway		Fitchburg

Alpheus Boutell

Worcester ss. February 21<sup>st</sup> 1828. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the within time and place, by posting up copies of said warrant at each of the publick meeting-houses in said Town eight days before the date hereof. Mannasseh Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third day of March A. D. 1828

The meeting being opened & the warrant read.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Payson Williams, Moderator.

2<sup>d</sup> Peter S. Snow Town Clerk

The report of the Inspecting School Committee was then read.

Voted to give the united thanks of the Town to the School Committee whose able report has just been read.

Voted to accept of the report of the School Committee, and that it be put on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Chose Joseph Simonds Treasurer

David Boutelle	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon	
Mannafseh Sawyer	
David Boutelle	Afscfsors
Zachariah Sheldon	
Mannafseh Sawyer	

Mowry Farnum	William Wyman	Highway Surveyors
Oliver Everett	Benjamin Foster	
Benjamin Snow	Clark Hilton	
Hosea Proctor	Aaron Bolton <sup>sworn</sup>	
Elisha Carter	Jesse M <sup>c</sup> Intire	
Samuel Gibson	John Sawyer	
Samuel Caswell	Levi Fullam	
Jabez Fairbanks	Francis Dean	
Eben <sup>t</sup> Hutchinson Jr	Stephen Dole <sup>sworn</sup>	
Levi Pratt	Horace Mefssenger	

[534] Chose Joseph Hovey Cullers of  
Benjamin Fuller Hoops & Staves

Josiah Sheldon	Surveyors
John Harris	of
Abijah Hartwell	Lumber

John Harris	John Harris	Field Drivers
Samuel Hawes	Samuel Phelps	
Nathan Ordway	Benj <sup>n</sup> Snow	
Jonas Marshall	Samuel Houghton	
Ivers Jewett	Abel Downe	Firewards
Jonas A. Marshall	David Boutelle	
Mannafseh Sawyer	Oliver Fox	
George Wood Pound keeper		

13<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Prudential School Committee shall be chosen by the School Districts.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour.

The meeting being opened according to adjournment

Chose Cheder Marshall	Nathaniel Wood	Hog-Reeves
Levi Fullam	Levi Simonds	
Edmund Davis	Elias Messenger	
Charles Carter	Levi Phelps	
Samuel Smith 3 <sup>d</sup>	Moses Hale	
Thomas Willson	Abel Osborn	
Amos Wyman	Calvin Darling	
Samuel A Wheeler	James L. Haynes	
Martin Richardson	John P. Buttrick	
Amos Sheldon 3 <sup>d</sup>	Samuel Hale	
Abraham Osborn	Levi Whitney	
William Downe	} Tythingmen	

Voted to let out the Collectorship in 25 minutes from this time by the Moderator, to the lowest bidder.

Voted to postpone choosing the Inspecting School Committee to the adjournment of the meeting.

Voted to reconsider the above vote.

Chose Calvin Lincoln	Eben <sup>r</sup> Torrey	Inspecting School Committee
Rufus A Putnam	Abel Fox	
Ivers Jewett	Jonas A Marshall	
David Brigham		

[535] The Collectorship was let out to Benjamin Snow at One dollar seven & a half cents on the hundred.

Chose Benjamin Snow Collector

Voted to accept of Oliver Fox and Jonas Marshall as Bondsmen for Benjamin Snow.

Chose Benjamin Snow } Constables  
Alpheus Kimball }

Art 3 Voted to raise Twelve Hundred dollars to repair the highways and bridges. to be laid out as last year.

4 Voted to raise Eleven Hundred dollars for the Support of schools the year ensuing, to be expended in the same manner as last year.

5 Voted to pass over the fifth article to the adjournment of the meeting

6 Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

Chose Ivers Jewett, Jonas Marshall and Benjamin Snow, Committee

7 Voted to pass over the seventh article to the adjournment of the meeting.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to receive proposals and engage some suitable person to oversee and take the charge of the Poor Farm, for one year from the 13<sup>th</sup> of April next.

8<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to investigate & ascertain the amount of expenses incurred in support of the Poor the past year, and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Joseph Richardson, Ivers Jewett, & Benj. Snow, Committee

9<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to investigate and take into consideration the case of the Widow Olive Mefsenger, mentioned in the ninth artiele of the Warrant, and also any cases which may arise of a similar nature.

Chose Joseph Downe, Isaiah Putnam & David Brigham, Committee

10<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over the 10<sup>th</sup> Article

11<sup>th</sup> Voted to restrain neat cattle from running at large.

12<sup>th</sup> Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town.

14 Voted to pass over the 14<sup>th</sup> Article

15 Voted to pass over the 15<sup>th</sup> Article to the adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one o clock P. M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[536] The following persons took the oaths by law required at the dates specified

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1828. David Boutelle Zachariah Sheldon & Mannaseh Sawyer took the Oaths of Selectmen & Afsefsors.

March 3, Benjamin Foster & Franeis Dean took the oath of Highway Surveyors. March 6, Oliver Everett & Ebenezer Hutchinson Jr took the Oath of Higway sur-

veyors. March 8, Benj. Snow & Samuel Gibson took the Oath of Highway Surveyors, March 11, Horace Mefsen-  
ger took the Oath of a Highway surveyor, March 10 Jabez Fairbanks took the same oath. March 21, Abijah Hartwell took the oath of Surveyors of Lumber. March 11<sup>th</sup> Samuel Hawes took the Oath of Fence Viewer March 8<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Snow took the Oaths of Constable and Collector. March 29 John Sawyer took the oath of Highway surveyor &, Surveyor of Weights & measures.

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March Mr Joseph Upton & Mr Daniel Lowe took the oath of Fence viewers P. S. Snow Town Clerk

April 7<sup>th</sup> 1828. The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met according to adjournment. The report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer was read.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee which is as follows,

#### Committees Report

Fitchburg March 25<sup>th</sup> 1828

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of said Town for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer and of Inspecting the Accounts of the Selectmen Assessors and Overseers of the Poor offer the following report Viz.

Treasurer . . . . .	Dr
To a ballance due from him to the Town at the last settlement . . . . .	\$34.89
Cash paid by conditional exempts from Military duty . . . . .	4.00
Cash paid by Samuel Houghton in full of his collection for the year 1825 . . . . .	50.00
Cash paid by Abel Downe in full of his collec- tion for the year, 1826 . . . . .	375.38
Payments by Abel Downe on his collection for the year, 1827 . . . . .	2360.00
Cash hired for the use of the Town the year past	<u>1009 69</u>
	\$3833.96

[537]	Treasurer . . . . .	C <sup>r</sup>
By payment of Orders drawn on him by the		
Selectmen . . . . .		\$3501..03
" paying annual Interest on Town notes . .	18..00	
" paying town note to Francis Perkins . . .	107..50	
" payment of Interest to Capt Oliver Fox on		
Perry farm notes . . . . .	12..33	
" Interest paid on short loans of Cash hired		
for the use of the Town . . . . .	8..80	
" his services as Treasurer the year past includ-		
ing time spent in hireing cash, taking deed		
and giving securities for the Perry Farm .	15..00	
" payment to Benj. Snow on a town note . .	38..31	
		<u>3700..97</u>
Leaving a ballance due the Town from their		
Treasurer of the sum of . . . . .	132..99	
We find due the Town from D <sup>n</sup> Abel Downe on		
1827 tax bill . . . . .	1023 20	
		<u>\$1156..19</u>

The Committee find due from the Town to cer-		
tain individuals for cash loaned . . . . .	1329..69	
Due for the Perry farm to Capt Oliver Fox		
\$1908.. To Caleb Perry 2105 . . . . .	4013..00	
Due the several school Districts . . . . .	310..24	
Due the Selectmen and Afsefors and Overseers		
of the Poor, viz To Payson Williams Esqr		
25..70 To David Boutelle 24 74 To Fran-		
cis Perkins 10.37 To Capt Alpheus Boutell		
7.25 To Jonas Marshall 20.90 . . . . .	88..96	
Due Major Ordway for taking care of Pauper		
farm and Paupers . . . . .	75..00	
Due on outstanding Orders . . . . .	165..34	
		<u>\$5982..23</u>
Leaving a ballance against the Town of . . . .	\$4826..04	

All which is respectfully submitted

Jonas Marshall } Committee  
                   Benjamin Snow }  
                   Joseph Simonds Treasurer

Art 8<sup>th</sup> The report of the Committee chosen to investigate and ascertain the amount of expenses incurred in support of the Poor the past year was read

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

Art 5 \$1800.. Voted to raise eighteen hundred dollars to defray the necessary Town charges for the year ensuing.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[538] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the First Parish meeting-house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at three o clock in the afternoon

1<sup>st</sup> To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Senators for the district of Worcester for the year ensuing.

2<sup>d</sup> To vote on the following subject by yeas and nays, Shall a new County be formed of the several towns in Worcester and Middlesex Counties, as prayed for in the petition of Ivers Jewett and others? Agreeably to a resolve of the General Court.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March A.D. 1828.

David Boutelle  
Zachariah Sheldon } Selectmen of  
Mannafseh Sawyer } Fitchburg

Worcester fs Fitchburg March 21, 1828. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the said Inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up notifications at each of the meetinghouses in said town

Benjamin Snow Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the seventh day of April A. D. 1828

The meeting being opened votes for the following persons were given in,

For Governor. His Exc<sup>d</sup> Levi Lincoln had . . . 73 votes  
Hon Marcus Morton . . . . . 3

For Lieut Gov. His Honor Thom L Winthrop . 82

Senators

Hon Edmund Cushing	. . . . .	104
Joseph Estabrook Esqr	. . . . .	104
Samuel Mixter Esqr	. . . . .	104
W <sup>m</sup> S. Hastings Esqr	. . . . .	104
Joseph Davis Esqr	. . . . .	101
John W Lincoln Esqr	. . . . .	1

On the Question shall there be a new County formed of several towns in Worcester & Middlesex Counties

Yea<sup>s</sup> 117

Nay<sup>s</sup> 2

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[539] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the first parish Meeting house in said Fitchburg on Monday the seventh day of April next at four o clock in the the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> To hear the report of the committee appointed to investigate the cases of Asaph Goodridge and wife Mrs. Mefssenger & others & act thereon

3 To hear the report of the Committee chosen to take an inventory of the property appertaining to the Town farm and ascertain the expenses of the poor for the year past and act thereon.

4 To see if the town will defray the expense of ringing the bell of the first parish meetinghouse or act any thing thereon

5 To see if the Town will allow W<sup>m</sup> Withington any additional sum for the damage of the road passing through his land as laid out by the Selectmen last Oct. or act any thing thereon.

6 To see if the Town will be in favor of changing the name of their Poor house to that of Work house or act any thing thereon they may think expedient.

Given under our hands the twentieth day of March A.D. 1828

David Boutelle      }  
Zachariah Sheldon      } Selectmen  
Mannafseh Sawyer } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs March 21, 1828

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the said Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the within mentioned time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up notifications at each of the meeting houses in said town.

Benjamin Snow Constable of Fitchburg

April 7th 1828. The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met agreeably to the foregoing warrant. The meeting being opened

Chose David Boutelle Moderator

The report of the Committee chosen to investigate the case of Asaph Goodridge & wife & others was read.

Voted not to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted that the town pay the expense of ringing the bell untill another shall be erected in town.

Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted to change the name of the Poor house to that of Work-house

Voted to disolve the meeting

attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

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Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 7<sup>th</sup> 1828 This certifies that Peter S. Snow this day personally appeared before

me and made oath that in the office of Clerk of said Town, to which he is chosen he will truly record all votes passed in all town meetings during the year and untill another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn and also faithfully discharge all the other duties of his office.

Ebenezer Torrey Jus Pacis

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester . . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg, on Monday the fifth day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

1<sup>st</sup> To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year

2<sup>d</sup> To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

3<sup>d</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town business

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept the list of persons for Jurors, as made out by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon.

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose an additional number of Firewards

6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the construction of a reservoir for water on the Common or act any thing thereon may be thought expedient.

7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will sell Joshua Goodridge one or more acres of land (from the town farm) lying opposite his house or act thing thereon.

8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will grant any assistance to school district No 2<sup>d</sup> in building a School-house or act any thing thereon

9 To see if the town will allow an additional sum of money to the Widow Susan Thurston and W<sup>m</sup> Withington for the damage of a road passing through their land as laid out by the Selectmen last Oct?

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up [541] attested copies thereof, at each of the meeting-houses in said town at least eight days before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this nineteenth day day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. David Boutelle } Selectmen  
Zachariah Sheldon } of  
Manafseh Sawyer } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Pursuant to this I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and places and for the purposes as within mentioned.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg  
Fitchburg April 26, 1828

Fitchburg May 5<sup>th</sup> 1828

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. The meeting being opened

Voted to pass over the first and second article of the warrant for 30 minutes

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Chose David Boutelle Moderator

4 Voted to accept the list of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen

5 Voted to add 3 persons to the list of Firewards

Chose Zachariah Sheldon, Amos Durant & Oliver Everett.

6<sup>th</sup> Voted to build a reservoir for water on the Common with 2 pumps at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars.

Voted to choose a committee of 3 persons to put the above vote into effect.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee above-mentioned

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to confer with Capt Joshua Goodridge, and be empowered to sell him a piece of land from the Town farm if they shall deem it expedient.

Voted that the Town pay their proportion of the Tax for building a School-House in District No 2, according to the property which the Town posseſſes in said District

Voted that the additional sum of \$10.00 be granted to the Widow Susan Thurston and W<sup>m</sup> Withington, it being in full for damages of the road passing through their land as laid out by the Selectmen in Oct. last.

turn over

[542] Art 1 Voted to choose two Representatives the present year.

Chose Francis Perkins 1<sup>st</sup> representative who had 77 votes

Joseph Simonds had . . . . .	53
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Payson Williams " . . . . .	17
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Isaiah Putnam " . . . . .	2
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Chose Isaiah Putnam 2<sup>d</sup> Representative who had 98 votes

Eben <sup>r</sup> Torrey . . . . .	40
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Joseph Simonds . . . . .	2
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Payson Williams . . . . .	8
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Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester . . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the first Parish meeting house in said Fitchburg on Monday the fifth day of May next at two o clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following subject.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will authorize a reward to be offered for the apprehension of Sylvanus Lapham or any other person, or persons who may have been guilty of

setting fire to certain buildings in this town recently or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each meetinghouse in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty sixth day of April in A.D. 1828

David Boutelle      } Selectmen  
Zachariah Sheldon      } of  
Mannassch Sawyer } Fitchburg

[543] Worcester fs. April 26, 1828 Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1828. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein exprefsed.

The meeting being opened.

Chose Isaiah Putnam Moderator

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to offer a reward not exceeding two hundred dollars for the apprehension of any person or persons who shall be convicted of having set fire to the buildings which have recently been burnt in this town.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest, P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester . . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-  
Seal chusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants  
Seal of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elec-  
Seal tions and town affairs, to meet at the first Parish  
Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg, on Monday the third day  
of November next at one o clock in the afternoon

1<sup>st</sup> To give in their votes for the number of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States to which this Commonwealth may be entitled.

2<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for Worcester North District.

3<sup>d</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town business

4<sup>th</sup> To see what measures the town will take respecting making the road to be located by the County Commissioners from Fitchburg to Ashburnham or act any thing thereon relating to said road.

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5<sup>th</sup> For the town to express their views as to the expediency of granting licenses for the exhibition of the various shows that are applied for.

6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to meet a Committee appointed by the Legislature upon the petition of Samuel Gibson, to show cause why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted

7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will take any measures for establishing the bounds of the road from Leominster line on by the Widow Tamar Pierces.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at each of the meetinghouses in said town at least eight days before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. David Boutelle } Selectmen  
Zachariah Sheldon } of  
Mannafsch Sawyer } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs Oct 24, 1828. I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed.

The meeting being opened, votes were given in for Electors of President & Vice President and were for the following persons viz.

Electors)	His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop . . .	111 votes
at large)	Hon Samuel Lathrop . . . . .	111
Suffolk District,	Hon Jesse Putnam . . . .	111
Efsex South	" Hon Stephen White . . .	111
Efsex North	" Hon Bailey Bartlett . . .	111

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Middlesex	" Hon Nathan Chandler . . .	111
Worcester South	" Gen Jonathan Davis . . .	111
Worcester North	" Hon Silas Holman . . . .	111
Franklin	" Col Eliel Gilbert . . . .	111
Hampden	" Hon Joshua Frost . . . .	111
Berkshire	" Samuel Jones Esqr . . . .	111
Norfolk	" Hon Edward H. Robbins .	111
Plymouth	" Hon Seth Sprague . . . .	111
Bristol	" Hon Oliver Starkweather .	111
Barnstable	" Hon Braddock Dimmick .	111

Art 2<sup>d</sup> Votes for a Representative in Congress were given in and were as follows

Hon Joseph G. Kendall had 70 votes	
Hon John Locke . . . . .	58 "

3<sup>d</sup> Chose David Boutelle Moderator

4 Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to let out and superintend the making of the road from Oliver Fox's Potash to Westminster line, agreeably to the directions of the County Commissioners, which road is now under the Consideration of said Commissioners.

Chose Oliver Fox, Isaiah Putnam, Phillip F. Cowdin, Abel Downe, & Alpheus Kimball.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested not to grant any licenses for public shows and exhibitions.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons, whose duty it shall be to prosecute any person or person who shall come into town with any shows or exhibitions in violation of the law.

Chose William Carleton, Flint Sheldon & David Boutelle, Committee.

Voted that a Committee of three persons be chosen to meet a Committee appointed by the Legislature on the petition of Samuel Gibson, to show cause why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

Chose Jonas Marshall, Francis Perkins, Ivers Jewett.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to run the lines and establish the bounds of the road from Leominster line, by the Widow Tamar Pierces.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

P S Snow Town Clerk

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Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the first Parish meeting-house in said Town on Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November instant, at one o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> For the Inhabitants to express their opinion as to the kind of bridges which will be for the interest of the Town to build over the River, on the new located road, from Ashburnham to Fitchburg.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of November A.D. 1828.

David Boutelle } Seletmen  
Zachariah Sheldon } of  
Mannafsch Sawyer } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Nov 29, 1828. In pursuance of the within directions I have warned the inhabitants of said Fitchburg by posting up warrants at the several meeting-houses in said Fitchburg

B. Snow, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> 1828. The meeting being opened

Chose Joseph Downe Esqr Moderator.

Voted that the Committee chosen to let out and superintend the making of the new road from O. Fox's Potash to Westminster line be instructed to build two stone bridges over the river on said road.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of said Commonwealth to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the First Parish meetinghouse in said

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town on saturday the thirty first day of January instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see what measures the Town will take to construct and build a bridge near Jacob Tolmans shop, or act any thing with regard to rebuilding said bridge the Town may deem proper.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of January A. D. 1829

David Boutelle	}	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon		of
Manafseh Sawyer	Fitchburg	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester ss Fitchburg January 23, 1829

Agreable to the within warrant, I have notified and warned said Inhabitants of said Fitchburg to meet at time and place agreeable to the within directions, by posting up warrants at the several meetinghouses in said town Benjamin Snow, Const. of Town of Fitchburg.

January 31, 1829. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg

Chose Jonas Marshall Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee consisting of five persons to superintend & direct the rebuilding of the bridge between Jacob Tolman's & Capt Sheldon's Shops, in the manner which they shall judge to most for the interest of the town

Chose Zachariah Sheldon Payson Williams Joshua Goodridge Joseph Downe Levi Pratt	}	Committee
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Voted to disolve the meeting

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[548] 1829 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and (L S) warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg (L S) qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town, on Monday the second day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)—

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To chose a Moderator to govern Said meeting.

“ 2<sup>d</sup> To chose a Town clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and all other Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing a Collector the Town may think expedient.

“ 3<sup>d</sup> To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

“ 4<sup>th</sup> To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town will raise to Support their Schools the year ensuing or act anything respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

“ 5<sup>th</sup> To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges.

“ 6<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will chose a committee

to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ensuing.

“ 7<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Assessors for the past year

“ 8<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will Authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with Some person to superintend the Work-house with its inmates for one or more years or act anything thereon.

“ 9<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will chose a committee to lay before the Town the amount of expences incurred in the support of the poor the past year, or act any thereon.

“ 10<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will chose a committee whose duty it Shall be to examine rebuild or repair Bridges within the Town, for the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

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Art 11 To See if the Town will suffer their Swine to run at large under the regulation of the law the year ensuing.

“ 12 To See if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

“ 13 To See if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

“ 14 To See what measures the Town will take respecting ringing the Bell for Town purposes or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Meeting-houses in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding s<sup>d</sup> meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord 1829.

David Boutelle      Selectmen  
Zachariah Sheldon      of  
Manafsch Sawyer      Fitchburg

Worcester ss February 20, 1829 I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg as within directed  
Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

True Copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon, the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second day of March 1829 The Meeting being opened

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Voted & Chose Capt Phillip F. Cowdin—Moderator

" 2<sup>d</sup> " " Jonas A. Marshall—Town Clerk

" " Joseph Simonds—Town Treasurer

Voted to chose three Selectmen

Chose Capt Zachariah Sheldon

Deac Abel Downe and	Selectmen
Capt Levi Pratt	

Zachariah Sheldon

Abel Downe	Afsefors
Levi Pratt	

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Chose Capt Joshua Goodridge Levi Downe

Samuel Ward Harris	Simeon Gibson
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Arba Reed	Levi Kendal
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Ivers Phillips	Moses Mosman
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Samuel Carter	Samuel Shattuck
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Josiah Caswell	Deac Jacob Jaquith
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Daniel Kinsman	" Enoch Caldwell
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John Whitcomb	James Harris
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Deac Abel Farwell	Josiah B. Willard
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Joseph Oakman	Isaiah Putnam
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Chose Joseph Hovey & Benjamin Fuller—Cullers of Hoops and Staves

Chose Abel Bruce

Benj Wheeler	Fence
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Edward Smith	Viewers
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John Harris	
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Chose Josiah Sheldon

Ephm Osborn Jr	Surveyors
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Joseph Townshend	of
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Hosea Procter	Lumber
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Zachariah Sheldon	
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High-way  
Sur-  
veyors

Asa Brown  
 Thomas Eaton  
 Daniel Kinsman  
 Amos Wheeler

For Field Drivers

Chose Genrl Ivers Jewett  
 Capt Amos Durant  
 Capt Alpheus Kimball  
 Abial J. Towne  
 Capt Robert Sampson  
 Jonas A. Marshall  
 Capt Olaver Fox  
 Chedorlaomer Marshall

} Firewards

Chose George Wood Pound Keeper

Voted that each School District shall choose their prudential committee

Chose Stephen Dole	Phinehas Crocker
Jonathan Farnsworth	Samuel Shattuck
John Stickney	Charles Tolman
Moses Mosman	Jonathan Burrage
Ivers Phillips	Josiah S. Skinner
Joseph Chase	Samuel Carter
Abijah Hartwell	Amos Wheeler

Hog Reeves

Chose Joseph Downe  
 Phillip F. Cowdin

} Tything

Moses Hale

} Men

Elijah Felt

Revn Calvin Lincoln

Revn Rufus A. Putnam

Ivers Jewett

David Brigham

Ebenezer Torrey

Abel Fox

J. A. Marshall

School Committee

Art 3 \$1200. Voted to raise Twelve Hundred Dollars to repair Highways & Bridges the year ensuing to be laid out as last year

Art 4 \$1100. Voted to Raise Eleven Hundred Dollars

for the Support of Schools the year ensuing to be laid out as last year

Art 5 Voted to pass the 5 article over for half an hour

Art 6 Voted to chose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ensuing

Committee Chose Capt Olover Fox, Benj Snow and Jonas Marshall Committee

Article 7 Voted to hear the report of the committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the Past year= Committee reported.

Voted to accept the Committee's report which follows

[551] Committees Report

Fitchburg February 28, 1829

The Subscribers, a committee chosen by the inhabitants of said Town at their annual meeting in March last past for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer—and inspecting the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors—offer the following report—Viz

Treasurer . . . . . Dr	
To ballance due the Town at the last settlement	\$132.99
“ Cash paid for conditional exemption from Military duty . . . . .	8.00
“ Cash paid by Deac Abel Downe on his Col- lection for the year 1827, . . . . .	974.20
“ Cash paid by Benj Snow on his Collection for the year 1828 . . . . .	1228.—
“ Cash Reed of the Selectmen for providing for paupers of other Towns Viz. of the Town of Harvard on account of Lydia Wether- bee \$3.50 of Stow on account of Samuel Brown 3.50 of Lunenburg on account of Mrs Bancroft 5.71 of Ashby on account the family of Abr <sup>m</sup> Patch 12.00 . . . . .	24.71
“ Cash Reed of the Selectmen being a licence fee from a Show company . . . . .	5.00
“ Cash hired the year past—of Jabez Farbanks 112.00 of Nancy Andrews 65.00 of Cal-	

vin Willard Esqr 500.00 of Moses Hale	
300.00 of Justin Stearns 100.00 of Caleb	
Perry 400.00 of Doct Fox 100.00 . . .	1577.00
	3949.90

Treasurer . . . . Cr

By payment of Orders drawn on him by the Selectmen . . . . . 2217.72

" paying a Note to Capt Olaver Fox 956.37  
paying two notes to Benj<sup>a</sup> Snow 171.16  
paying a note to Francis Perkins 214.00  
paying a note to Elijah C. Farwell 110.64

Total 1452.17

" paying interest to Caleb Perry 120.30 paying Interest to Capt O. Fox 54.13 To Moses Hale 39.13 Levi Farwell 6.00 Jona Lowe 3.00 paying Interest on short loans 2.34 Total 224.90

" his services as Treasurer the year past including time spent hireing cash and making payments . . . . .

15.00

3909.79

Leaving a ballance due the Town from their  
Treasurer of . . . . .

40.11

We find due the Town from Deacon Abel Downe  
on 1827 Tax Bill . . . . .

49.00

Due the Town from Benja Snow on 1828 Tax  
Bill

1795.08

We also find due the Town from Capt Joshua Goodridge on Interest after the 25<sup>th</sup> of July next . . . . .

150.00

2034.19

We find due from the town to the following named persons being the principal of their several notes . . . . .

5277.00

tin Stearnes 100. Dr Abel Fox 100. Jona Lowe 50. Nancy Andrews 65	
Interest now due on the above described notes	261.00
Due the several School Districts . . . . .	691.18
Due the Select-men and Aſſeſſors for their ser- vices the year past—Viz. To Zachariah Shel- don 12.50 To M. Sawyer 28.31 To David Boutelle for service and order given for the same 31.50 . . . . .	40.81
Out Standing Orders . . . . .	70.97
Due Maj Ordway as Overseer of the Town farm about . . . . .	45.00
	\$6385.96

Leaving a ballance against the town of \$4351.77

Jonas Marshall	}
Benja Snow	
I. Jewett	Committee
Joseph Simonds	Treasurer

A True Copy      Attest    J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Article 8. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to contract with some person to suprintend the work-house with its inmates as specified in Article 8<sup>th</sup> in the warrant

Article 5. took up \$3500. Voted to raise Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to defray their necessary Town charges

Article 9. Voted to chose a committee to lay before the Town the amount of expenses incurred in the support of the poor the past year

Chose Joseph Downe, Isaiah Putnam & Ivers Jewett Committee

Art 10. Voted to chose a committee to examine, rebuild or repair Bridges within the town for the year ensuing

Chose the Selectmen

Article 11. Voted To pafs over the eleventh Article

Article 12. Voted that neat cattle be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 13. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town—the year ensuing

Article 14. Voted that Article 14. be refered to the Selectmen

Collectorship \$1.24 for \$100. Voted to let out the collection of Taxes—which being set up by the Moderator was struck off to Deacon Abel Down at one Dollar twenty four cts on the one Hundred Dollars

Bondsmen Voted to accept Joseph Downe & Samuel Houghton as Bondsmen for Deacon Abel Downe as Collector

Collector Voted and chose Deacon Abel Downe Collector

Voted to chose two constables for the year ensuing.

Constables Chose Abel Downe & Alpheus Kimball Constables

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 1. o'clock P M.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Oaths March 7. 1829 Personally appeared Jonas A. Marshall and took the oath of Clerk for the town of Fitchburg. before me Joseph Downe Justice of the Peace

A True copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The following persons were qualified to perform the duties of their respective offices by taking the oath of office as the law directs at the dates set before their names

March 21 Joseph Simonds Treasurer April 6 Zachariah Sheldon & Levi Pratt Selectmen May 4 Sworn as Assessors Abel. Down Sworn March 9 as Selectmen, Assessor, Collector & Constable—Highway Surveyors Sworn March 9 Samuel Carter—Samuel Shattuck May 5 Ivers Phillips 26 Daniel Kinsman March 5 John Whitcomb Abel Farwell March 10 Simeon Gibson, Levi Kendal March 25. Isaiah Putnam April 6 Josiah B. Willard—March 10 Abel Bruce Sworn as Fence Viewer May 4. Edward Smith Fence Viewer. Asa Brown Sworn March 28 as Field Driver—Hogreeves Sworn March 2<sup>d</sup> Stephen Dole Jona-

than Farnsworth, John Stickney, Ivers Phillips, Joseph Chase, Abijah Hartwell Phinehas Crocker, Charles Tolman, March 7 Jonathan Burrage Josiah Skinner March 9 Samuel Shattuck Samuel Carter (before me Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

## [553] 1829 Adjournment of March Meeting

April 6<sup>th</sup> The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met according to adjournment. The meeting was opened by reading the act to prevent profane cursing and swearing and the Riot Act

The Committee chosen to lay before the Town the amount of expenses incurred in the support of the poor the past year Reported =

Voted to accept their report.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

## Warrant For April Meeting 1829.

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-  
Seal chusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn  
Seal the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified  
Seal by law to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at  
the first Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday  
the sixth of April next at two of the clock in the afternoon.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

Given under our hands and Seals this Sixteenth day of March 1829.

Zachariah Sheldon } Selectmen  
Abel Downe      } of  
Levi Pratt        } Fitchburg

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, on or before said hour of meeting to said Selectmen

Worcester ss I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed March 20<sup>th</sup> 1829

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg  
A True copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[554] 1829 April Meeting

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday April 6 AD 1829 The meeting being opened Votes were given in as follows

For Governor His Excellency Levi Lincoln had 40. Votes

Hon Marcus Morton	"	59.	"
Hon Samuel C. Allen	"	19.	"

For Lt Governor

His Hon Thomas L. Winthrop	"	64.	"
Hon Nathan Willis	"	48.	"

For Senators Hon John W. Lincoln . . . " 59. "

" Lewis Bigelow . . . "	58.	"
William S. Hastings Esqr "	58	"
David Wilder "	60	"
Samuel Mixter "	61	"
Daniel Thurber "	37	"
Joseph Thayer . . . "	36	"
John Spurr . . . . "	36	"
Isaac Davis . . . . "	34	"
Josiah How . . . . "	36	"
Benjamin Adams . . . "	3	"

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Second Parish Meeting-house in Said Town of Fitch-

burg on Monday the fourth day of May next at two o'clock in the after-noon

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose the year ensuing.

Article 2<sup>d</sup> To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Article 3<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town businefs.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will appropriate Sum or Sums of money for the completion of the road near Arrington Gibsons or act any thing respecting completing or repairing [555] or ealing upon those persons who gave bonds for that purpose the Town may deem propper.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant upon the inhabitants of Fitchburg by posting up a copy on each of the meeting-houses in Said Town. Hereof fail not to make return of this Warrant with your doings unto the Clerk of Said Town on or before Said hour of meeting. Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day of April A.D. 1829.

Zachariah Sheldon      Select-men  
Abel Downe              } of  
Levi Pratt                } Fitchburg

Worcester ss Apl. 20<sup>th</sup> 1829 I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Copy                      Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

May 4, 1829 Pursuant to the forgoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the Second parish meeting-house The meeting being opened

Article 1. Voted to choose two Representatives the present year and that they be on one ticket

" 2<sup>d</sup>

For 1<sup>st</sup> Rep Chose Isaiah Putnam who had 203. Votes  
Payson Williams      "     93.   "

" 2<sup>d</sup> " Chose Olover Fox      "     107.   "

" 3 Voted & chose Zacheriah Sheldon Moderator

4 Voted the Selectmen call upon those persons—

who gave bonds to complete the road—neer Arrington Gibsons—to fulfill the conditions of Said bond

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[556] 1829. Warrant For Town Meeting Sept 7<sup>th</sup>  
1829

Worcester fs Commonwealth of Massachusetts To  
either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.  
Greeting—

(Seal.) In the name of the Commonwealth You are  
(Seal.) hereby directed to notify and warn the freeholders  
(Seal.) and other Inhabitants as are qualified by Law in  
(Seal.) Said Town to vote in Town affairs to meet and  
assemble at the first parish meeting-house in Said Town  
on Monday the Seventh day of September next at three  
of the clock in the after-noon to act on the following  
articles Viz.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said  
meeting.

Article 2<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will accept of any road  
or roads that are or may be laid out by their Selectmen

Article 3<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will coose an agent or  
agents to confer with the County Commissioners in Lay-  
ing a road from Fitchburg to Lunenburg or act any thing  
thereon.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will fence their Bury-  
ing-Ground neer Jonathan Burages Shop.

Article 5<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will authoriz their  
committee to pay the remainder of the expense of the  
Town well & pump or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & Seals this 26. day of August  
A. D. 1829. Zachariah Sheldon} Selectmen  
Abel Downe } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs August 27<sup>th</sup> 1829. I have notified the  
Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet and assemble at the  
time and place & for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town meeting Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first parish meeting-house on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> 1829 for the purposes above mentioned.

Article 1. Chose Payson Williams Esqr Moderator

Article 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to accept the road laid for by Cyrus Thurston and Peter Farwell as laid out by the Selectmen as by their report which follows—

Report C. Thurston & P. Farwell's Road.

Gentlemen Your Selectmen having been requested by Cyrus Thurston & Peter Farwell to lay a road from their house to meet a road near Samuel Hawes' have attended to that duty, beginning at the East end of their barn thence South 20° West 14. Rods 22. Links through their land Thence South 20° West 28 Rods

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through David Lows land. Thence South 20° West 12 Rods Thence South 17° West 11. Rods. Thence South 13½° West 15½ Rods Thence South 11° West 17 Rods making 55½ Rods Through James L. Hayns' land. Bounds on West side of said road.

Art 3 Ageants 3. Voted to choose three Ageants to confer with the county commissioners in laying out a road from Fitchburg to Lunenburg.

Chosen Chose Payson Williams Esqr. Joseph Down Esqr & Capt Joshua Goodridge Ageants.

Article 4 Voted the Selectmen be authorized to fence the burying ground near Jonathan Burragess Shop (provided they have a title to the same) with such materials as they may think proper

Article 5 Voted to pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant For Town Meeting Oct 31, 1829.

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said county. Greeting.

Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-  
 Seal chusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn  
 Seal the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to  
 vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the  
 second parish meeting-house on Saturday the thirty first  
 day of October instant at two of the clock in the after  
 noon to act on the following articles Viz.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will choose a committee to let out and superintend the making and accept of a road which is located from said Fitchburg to town of Lunenburg by the county commissioners or act any thing thereon.

Article 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept of any road or roads which may be laid before the town, and laid out by their Select-men before the day of said meeting or act anything thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the clerk of said Town on or before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day of October A.D. 1829.

Zacheriah Sheldon	Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Levi Pratt	
Abel Downe	

Worcester fs Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1829. I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Copy Attest

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[558] Town meeting Oct 31, 1829.

Fitchburg October 31, 1829. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Moderator Voted and chose Payson Williams Esqr Moderator.

Article 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to choose a Committee of three to

let out and superintend the making of the road, which is located by the County Commissioners from Fitchburg to Lunenburg, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

Voted to choose the above committee by ballot on one ticket.

Committee	Chose Nathaniel Wood	}
	Levi Farwell	
	Capt Zacheriah Sheldon	

Committee.

Art. 3 Capt Pratt's Road. Voted to accept the road laid out by the Select-men on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1829 from Capt Levi Pratts to the new County road to Ashburnham on condition the road is made free of expense to the town—excepting that the town pay the damage to Dr Abel Fox of forty Dollars in passing through his land.

Survey. Survey of Capt L. Pratts road

North 19½° East. 87. Rods	}	
N — 14 — E. 20. Rods		Through land of
N — 6 — E. 18 Rods		Capt Levi Pratt
N — 16 — West 25½ Rods		177. Rods.
N — 7 — W. Rods		
North 21. — E. 45— Rods 15 Links	Through land of	
	{Doct Abel Fox.	

Voted to adjourn the Meeting Sine Die.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Perambulation of Town Lines

Ashby. We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line between the Towns of Fitchburg and Ashby and renewed the bounds according to Law.

Nov 9. 1829	Stephen Wyman	}
	Abr. Haskell Jr	
	Abel Downe	
	Samuel Gibson Agent	
	Selectmen of	
	Fitchburg	

Ashburnham We the Subscribers Selectmen of Town of Fitchburg and Ashburnham certify that we this day met and run the lines and renewed the bounds acording to a Law of this Commonwealth

Ashburnham Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1829

Asahel Corey One of the Selectmen of Ashburnham.

Abel Downe One of the Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[559] Westminster. We the subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg and Westminster have perambulated run and renewed the bounds between said Towns of Fitchburg and Westminster and have erected monuments as the law requires November 3. 1829

Abel Downe } Selectmen      Edward Bacon } Selectmen of  
Levi Pratt } of Fitchburg      James Puffer } Westminster  
Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Lunenburg We the Subscribers Selectmen of Lunenburg & Fitchburg have this thirtieth day of October A. D. 1829. met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Lunenburg it being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating & running the lines and renewing the markes between our said towns & having attended that service, make report as follows (viz) Beginning at the North East corner of Fitchburg being a corner of Lunenburg & Ashby at a Stone monument — thence S.  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W about 480 Rods to a road near Deac. Thurston's, where we have erected a stone monument — thence S.  $9\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. about 240 Rods to a road near S. Hilton's, where we have erected a Stone monument — thence S. about  $12^{\circ}$  W. 752. rods to the old cellar (so called) where we have erected a stone monument — thence S. about  $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E 200 rods to Leominster corner where we have erected a Stone monument.

Cyrus Kilburn } Selectmen of  
Timothy Snow } Lunenburg.

Abel Downe Selectman of Fitchburg.

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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